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Documentation Classifications

In order to assist in the use of this product, GIGABYTE provides the following types of documents:

- For quick set-up of the product, read the Quick Installation Guide included with the product.
- For detailed product information, carefully read the User's Manual.

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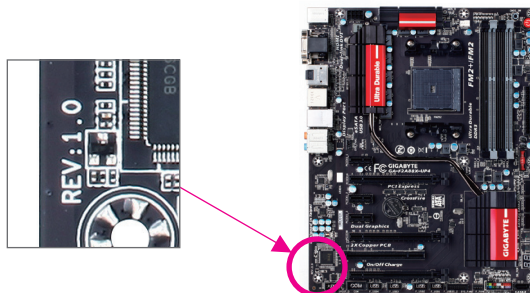


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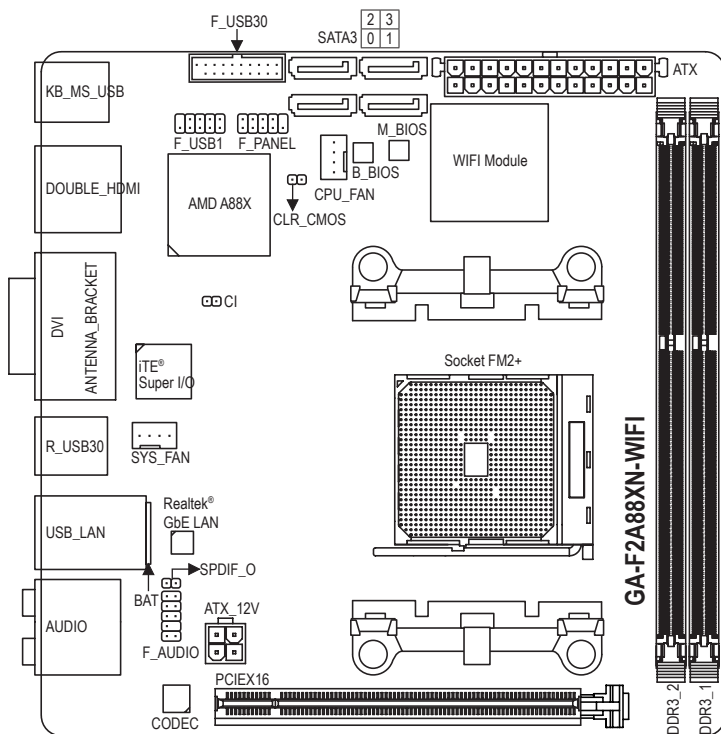
- ☒ GA-F2A88XN-WIFI motherboard
- ☒ Motherboard driver disk
- ☒ Wireless module driver disk
- ☒ User's Manual
- ☒ Quick Installation Guide
- ☒ Two SATA cables
- ☒ I/O Shield
- ☒ One antenna

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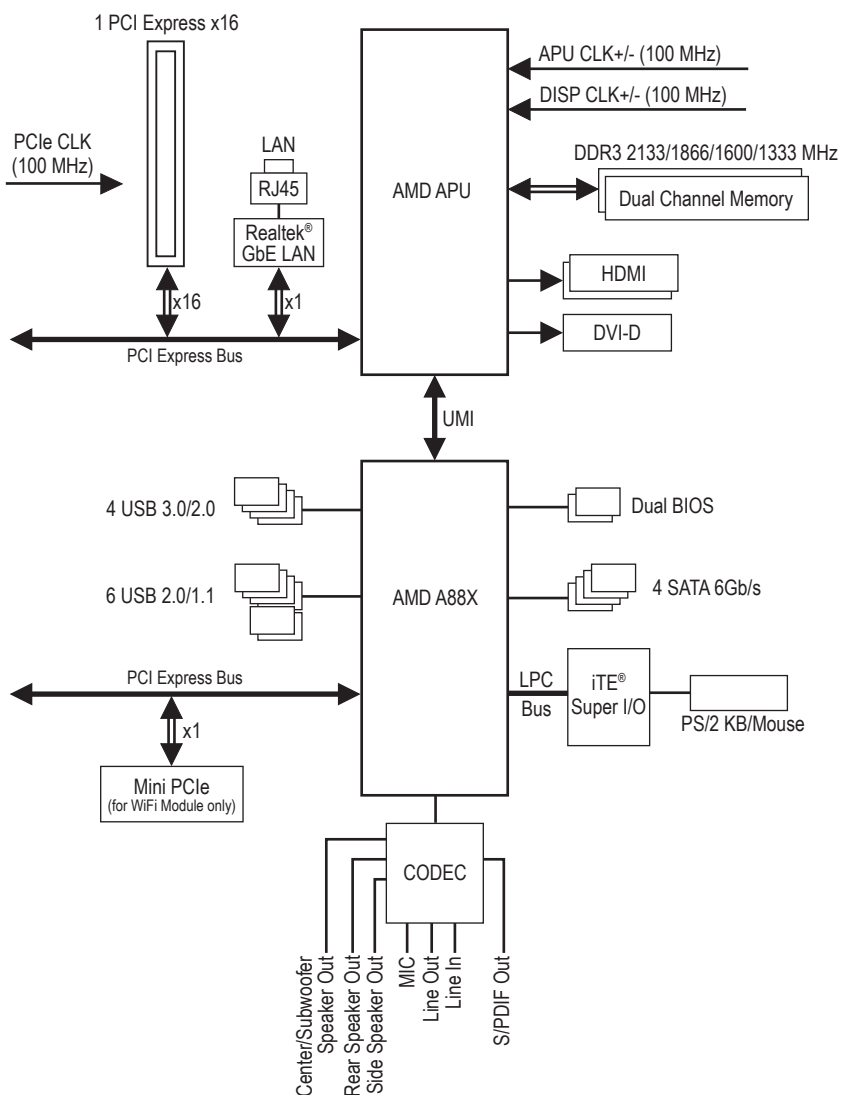
Optional Items

- ☐ 2-port USB 2.0 bracket (Part No. 12CR1-1UB030-6*R)
- ☐ eSATA bracket (Part No. 12CF1-3SATPW-4*R)
- ☐ 3.5" Front Panel with 2 USB 3.0/2.0 ports (Part No. 12CR1-FPX582-2*R)
- ☐ HDMI-to-DVI adapter (Part No. 12CT2-HDMI01-1*R)

GA-F2A88XN-WIFI Motherboard Layout



GA-F2A88XN-WIFI Motherboard Block Diagram



For detailed product information/limitation(s), refer to "1-2 Product Specifications."










Chapter 1 Hardware Installation








1-1 Installation Precautions





The motherboard contains numerous delicate electronic circuits and components which can become damaged as a result of electrostatic discharge (ESD). Prior to installation, carefully read the user's manual and follow these procedures:

- Prior to installation, make sure the chassis is suitable for the motherboard.
- Prior to installation, do not remove or break motherboard S/N (Serial Number) sticker or warranty sticker provided by your dealer. These stickers are required for warranty validation.
- Always remove the AC power by unplugging the power cord from the power outlet before installing or removing the motherboard or other hardware components.
- When connecting hardware components to the internal connectors on the motherboard, make sure they are connected tightly and securely.
- When handling the motherboard, avoid touching any metal leads or connectors.
- It is best to wear an electrostatic discharge (ESD) wrist strap when handling electronic components such as a motherboard, CPU or memory. If you do not have an ESD wrist strap, keep your hands dry and first touch a metal object to eliminate static electricity.
- Prior to installing the motherboard, please have it on top of an antistatic pad or within an electrostatic shielding container.
- Before unplugging the power supply cable from the motherboard, make sure the power supply has been turned off.
- Before turning on the power, make sure the power supply voltage has been set according to the local voltage standard.
- Before using the product, please verify that all cables and power connectors of your hardware components are connected.
- To prevent damage to the motherboard, do not allow screws to come in contact with the motherboard circuit or its components.
- Make sure there are no leftover screws or metal components placed on the motherboard or within the computer casing.
- Do not place the computer system on an uneven surface.
- Do not place the computer system in a high-temperature environment.
- Turning on the computer power during the installation process can lead to damage to system components as well as physical harm to the user.
- If you are uncertain about any installation steps or have a problem related to the use of the product, please consult a certified computer technician.

1-2 Product Specifications

 APU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FM2+ Socket: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMD A series processors AMD Athlon™ series processors <p>(Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest CPU support list.)</p>
 Chipset	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMD A88X
 Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 x 1.5V DDR3 DIMM sockets supporting up to 64 GB of system memory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to a Windows 32-bit operating system limitation, when more than 4 GB of physical memory is installed, the actual memory size displayed will be less than the size of the physical memory installed. The maximum 64 GB of system memory can be supported using 16 GB (or above) memory modules. GIGABYTE will update the memory support list on the official website when the memory modules are available on the market. Dual channel memory architecture Support for DDR3 2133/1866/1600/1333 MHz memory modules Support for AMD Memory Profile (AMP)/Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) memory modules <p>(Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)</p>
 Onboard Graphics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APU with integrated AMD Radeon™ HD 8000/7000 series graphics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To use the onboard graphics ports, you must install an AMD APU with integrated graphics. 1 x DVI-D port, supporting a maximum resolution of 2560x1600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for 2560x1600 resolution requires both a monitor and cable that support Dual Link DVI. The DVI-D port does not support D-Sub connection by adapter. 2 x HDMI ports, supporting a maximum resolution of 4096x2160 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The resolution of 4096x2160 can be supported when using an FM2+ APU; the maximum resolution supported is 1920x1200 when using an FM2 APU. Support for HDMI 1.4a version. Maximum shared memory of 2 GB
 Audio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Realtek® ALC892 codec High Definition Audio 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel Support for S/PDIF Out
 LAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Realtek® GbE LAN chip (10/100/1000 Mbit)
 Wireless Communication module	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wi-Fi 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac, supporting 2.4/5 GHz Dual-Band Bluetooth 4.0, 3.0+HS, 2.1+EDR Support for 11ac wireless standard and up to 867 Mbps data rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actual data rate may vary depending on environment and equipment.
 Expansion Slots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x PCI Express x16 slot, running at x16 (The PCI Express x16 slot conforms to PCI Express 3.0 standard.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support PCI Express 3.0, you must install an FM2+ APU. 1 x mini-PCI Express slot for the wireless communication module
 Multi-Graphics Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for AMD Dual Graphics technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only A series APUs support AMD Dual Graphics.

	Storage Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Chipset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors - Support for RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID 10, and JBOD
	USB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Chipset: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports (2 ports on the back panel, 2 ports available through the internal USB header) - 6 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports (4 ports on the back panel, 2 ports available through the internal USB header)
	Internal Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 1 x 24-pin ATX main power connector ♦ 1 x 4-pin ATX 12V power connector ♦ 4 x SATA 6Gb/s connectors ♦ 1 x APU fan header ♦ 1 x system fan header ♦ 1 x front panel header ♦ 1 x front panel audio header ♦ 1 x S/PDIF Out header ♦ 1 x USB 3.0/2.0 headers ♦ 1 x USB 2.0/1.1 header ♦ 1 x chassis intrusion header ♦ 1 x Clear CMOS jumper
	Back Panel Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 1 x PS/2 keyboard/mouse port ♦ 2 x HDMI ports ♦ 1 x DVI-D port ♦ 2 x antenna connectors ♦ 2 x USB 3.0/2.0 ports ♦ 4 x USB 2.0/1.1 ports ♦ 1 x RJ-45 port ♦ 1 x optical S/PDIF Out connector ♦ 5 x audio jacks (Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out, Rear Speaker Out, Line In, Line Out, Mic In)
	I/O Controller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ iTE® I/O Controller Chip
	Hardware Monitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ System voltage detection ♦ APU/System temperature detection ♦ APU/System fan speed detection ♦ APU/System fan speed control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Whether the fan speed control function is supported will depend on the cooler you install.
	BIOS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 2 x 64 Mbit flash ♦ Use of licensed AMI EFI BIOS ♦ Support for DualBIOS™ ♦ PnP 1.0a, DMI 2.0, SM BIOS 2.6, ACPI 2.0a

 Unique Features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support for @BIOS ◆ Support for Q-Flash ◆ Support for Xpress Install ◆ Support for EasyTune <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Available functions in EasyTune may differ by motherboard model. ◆ Support for Smart Recovery 2 ◆ Support for ON/OFF Charge ◆ Support for Wi-Fi Share ◆ Support for Cloud Station
 Bundled Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Norton® Internet Security (OEM version)
 Operating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Support for Windows 8.1/8/7 32-bit/64-bit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * If you plan to install Windows 8.1, please download the latest drivers from GIGABYTE's website. ◆ Support for Windows XP 32-bit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To support Windows XP 32-bit, you must install an AMD FM2 Trinity APU.
 Form Factor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mini-ITX Form Factor; 17.0cm x 17.0cm

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* Please visit the **Support & Downloads\Utility** page on GIGABYTE's website to check the supported operating system(s) for the software listed in the "Unique Features" and "Bundled Software" columns.

1-3 Installing the APU and APU Cooler

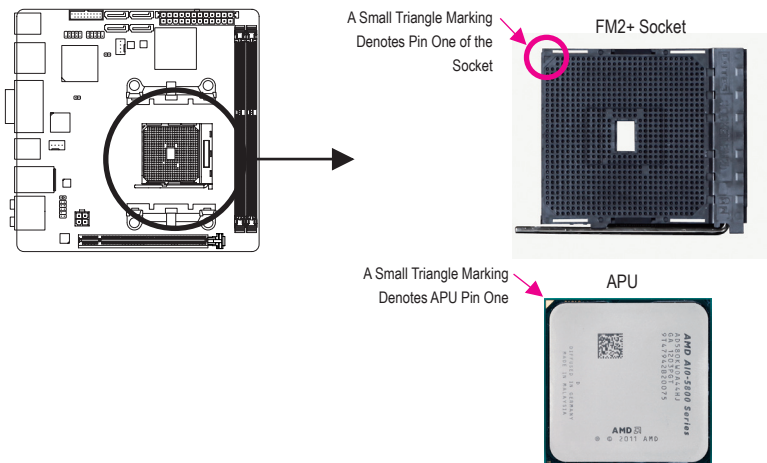


Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the APU:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the APU.
(Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest APU support list.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the APU to prevent hardware damage.
- Locate the pin one of the APU. The APU cannot be inserted if oriented incorrectly.
- Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the APU.
- Do not turn on the computer if the APU cooler is not installed, otherwise overheating and damage of the APU may occur.
- Set the APU host frequency in accordance with the APU specifications. It is not recommended that the system bus frequency be set beyond hardware specifications since it does not meet the standard requirements for the peripherals. If you wish to set the frequency beyond the standard specifications, please do so according to your hardware specifications including the APU, graphics card, memory, hard drive, etc.

1-3-1 Installing the APU

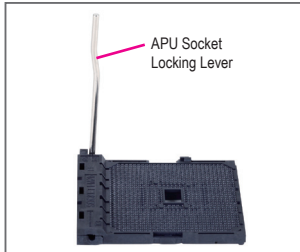
- A. Locate the alignment keys on the motherboard APU socket and the notches on the APU.



B. Follow the steps below to correctly install the APU into the motherboard APU socket.



- Before installing the APU, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the APU.
- Do not force the APU into the APU socket. The APU cannot fit in if oriented incorrectly. Adjust the APU orientation if this occurs.



Step 1:

Completely lift up the APU socket locking lever.



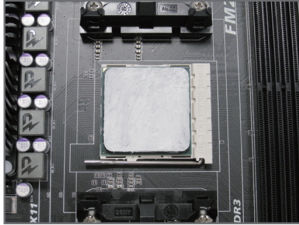
Step 2:

Align the APU pin one (small triangle marking) with the triangle mark on the APU socket and gently insert the APU into the socket. Make sure that the APU pins fit perfectly into their holes.

Once the APU is positioned into its socket, place one finger down on the middle of the APU, lowering the locking lever and latching it into the fully locked position.

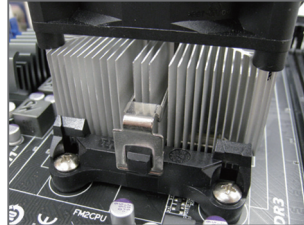
1-3-2 Installing the APU Cooler

Follow the steps below to correctly install the APU cooler on the motherboard.



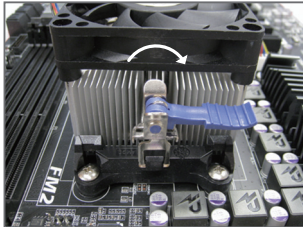
Step 1:

Apply an even and thin layer of thermal grease on the surface of the installed APU.



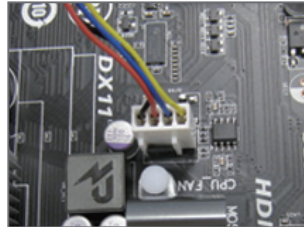
Step 2:

Hook the APU cooler clip to the mounting lug on one side of the retention frame. On the other side, push straight down on the APU cooler clip to hook it to the mounting lug on the retention frame.



Step 3:

Turn the cam handle from the left side to the right side (as the picture above shows) to lock into place. (Refer to your APU cooler installation manual for instructions on installing the cooler.)



Step 4:

Finally, attach the power connector of the APU cooler to the APU fan header (CPU_FAN) on the motherboard.



Use extreme care when removing the APU cooler because the thermal grease/tape between the APU cooler and APU may adhere to the APU. Inadequately removing the APU cooler may damage the APU.

1-4 Installing the Memory



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install the memory:

- Make sure that the motherboard supports the memory. It is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used.
(Go to GIGABYTE's website for the latest supported memory speeds and memory modules.)
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing the memory to prevent hardware damage.
- Memory modules have a foolproof design. A memory module can be installed in only one direction. If you are unable to insert the memory, switch the direction.

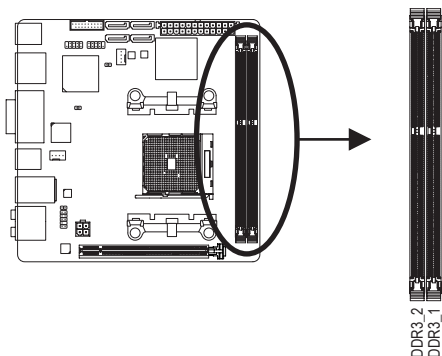
1-4-1 Dual Channel Memory Configuration

This motherboard provides two DDR3 memory sockets and supports Dual Channel Technology. After the memory is installed, the BIOS will automatically detect the specifications and capacity of the memory. Enabling Dual Channel memory mode will double the original memory bandwidth.

The two DDR3 memory sockets are divided into two channels:

▶▶ Channel A: DDR3_1


▶▶ Channel B: DDR3_2

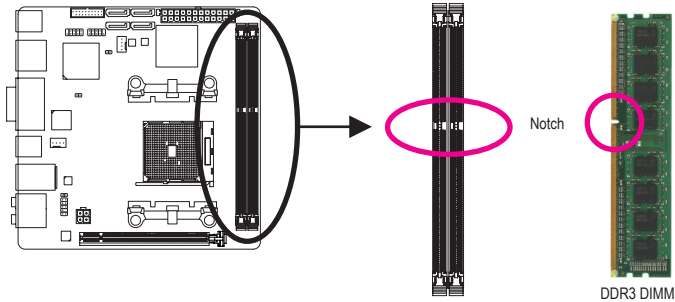


Due to APU limitations, read the following guidelines before installing the memory in Dual Channel mode.

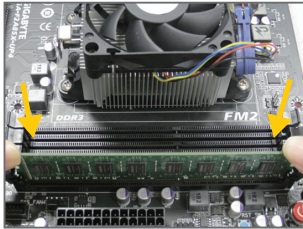
1. Dual Channel mode cannot be enabled if only one DDR3 memory module is installed.
2. When enabling Dual Channel mode with two memory modules, it is recommended that memory of the same capacity, brand, speed, and chips be used for optimum performance.

1-4-2 Installing a Memory

 Before installing a memory module, make sure to turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the memory module. DDR3 and DDR2 DIMMs are not compatible to each other or DDR DIMMs. Be sure to install DDR3 DIMMs on this motherboard.

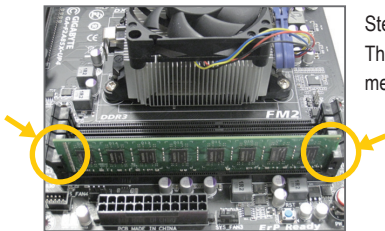


A DDR3 memory module has a notch, so it can only fit in one direction. Follow the steps below to correctly install your memory modules in the memory sockets.



Step 1:

Note the orientation of the memory module. Spread the retaining clips at both ends of the memory socket. Place the memory module on the socket. As indicated in the picture on the left, place your fingers on the top edge of the memory, push down on the memory and insert it vertically into the memory socket.



Step 2:

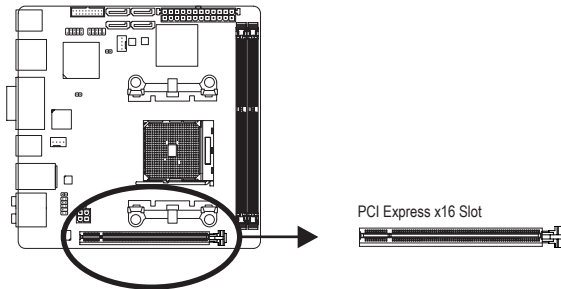
The clips at both ends of the socket will snap into place when the memory module is securely inserted.

1-5 Installing an Expansion Card



Read the following guidelines before you begin to install an expansion card:

- Make sure the motherboard supports the expansion card. Carefully read the manual that came with your expansion card.
- Always turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet before installing an expansion card to prevent hardware damage.



Follow the steps below to correctly install your expansion card in the expansion slot.

1. Locate an expansion slot that supports your card. Remove the metal slot cover from the chassis back panel.
2. Align the card with the slot, and press down on the card until it is fully seated in the slot.
3. Make sure the metal contacts on the card are completely inserted into the slot.
4. Secure the card's metal bracket to the chassis back panel with a screw.
5. After installing all expansion cards, replace the chassis cover(s).
6. Turn on your computer. If necessary, go to BIOS Setup to make any required BIOS changes for your expansion card(s).
7. Install the driver provided with the expansion card in your operating system.

Example: Installing and Removing a PCI Express Graphics Card:



- Installing a Graphics Card:
Gently push down on the top edge of the card until it is fully inserted into the PCI Express slot. Make sure the card is securely seated in the slot and does not rock.



- Removing the Card:
Gently push back on the lever on the slot and then lift the card straight out from the slot.

1-6 Setup of the AMD Dual Graphics Configuration

Combining the onboard GPU with a discrete graphics card, AMD's Dual Graphics technology can provide significantly advanced display performance for AMD platform. Read the following instructions on configuring a Dual Graphics system.

A. System Requirements

- AMD A series processor
- Windows 8/7 operating system
- An AMD Dual Graphics technology-supported motherboard (with the BIOS updated to the latest version) and correct driver (make sure the onboard graphics driver version is Rev. 8.982 or above)
- An AMD Radeon™ HD 6000 series graphics card that supports AMD Dual Graphics technology (for more details, please visit AMD's official website) and correct driver

B. Installing the Graphics Cards and Configuring BIOS Setup

Step 1:

Observe the steps in "1-5 Installing an Expansion Card" and install an AMD Dual Graphics technology-supported graphics card on the PCIEX16 slot. Plug the monitor cable into the graphics card and start up your computer.

Step 2:

Enter BIOS Setup to set the following items under the **Peripherals\GFX Configuration** menu:

- Set **Integrated Graphics** to **Force**.
- Set **UMA Frame Buffer Size** to **512M** or above.

Save the settings and exit BIOS Setup. Restart your computer.

C. Configuring the Graphics Card Driver

After installing the graphics card driver in the operating system, go to the **AMD VISION Engine Control Center**. Browse to **Performance\AMD Radeon™ Dual Graphics** and ensure the **Enable AMD Radeon Dual Graphics** check box is selected.

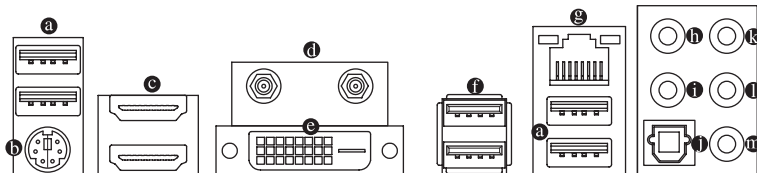


(Note) Make sure the drivers for the Chipset, onboard graphics, and external graphics card are properly installed.



Procedure and driver screen for enabling the AMD Dual Graphics technology may differ by graphics card and driver version. Refer to the manual that came with your graphics card for more information.

1-7 Back Panel Connectors



(a) USB 2.0/1.1 Port

The USB port supports the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

(b) PS/2 Keyboard/Mouse Port

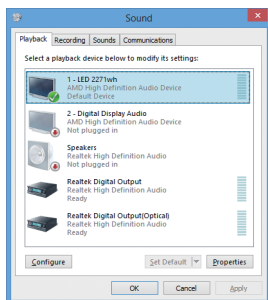
Use this port to connect a PS/2 mouse or keyboard.

(c) HDMI Port

HDMI™ The HDMI port is HDCP compliant and supports Dolby True HD and DTS HD Master Audio formats. It also supports up to 192KHz/24bit 8-channel LPCM audio output. You can use this port to connect your HDMI-supported monitor. The maximum supported resolution is 4096x2160 (Note), but the actual resolutions supported are dependent on the monitor being used.



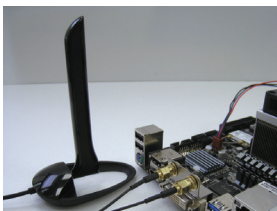
After installing the HDMI device, make sure to set the default sound playback device to HDMI. (The item name may differ depending on your operating system. The screenshot below is from Windows 8.)



In Windows 8, select All apps>Control Panel>Hardware and Sound>Sound>Playback, set **AMD High Definition Audio Device** to the default playback device.

(d) Antenna Connector

Use this connector to connect an antenna.



Tighten the antenna cables to the antenna connectors and then move the antenna to a place where the signal is good.

(Note) The resolution of 4096x2160 can be supported when using an FM2+ APU; the maximum resolution supported is 1920x1200 when using an FM2 APU.

● DVI-D Port (Note)

The DVI-D port conforms to the DVI-D specification and supports a maximum resolution of 2560x1600. Connect a monitor that supports DVI-D connection to this port. Please note that the actual resolutions supported are dependent on the monitor being used and support for 2560x1600 resolution requires both a monitor and cable that support Dual Link DVI.

A. Dual Display Configurations for the Onboard Graphics:

Dual display configurations are supported after you install motherboard drivers in OS.

B. Playback of Blu-ray™ Discs:

In order to get better playback quality, when playing the Blu-ray™ discs, refer to the recommended system requirements (or better) below.

- AMD A series processors
- Memory: Two 1 GB DDR3 1333 MHz memory modules with dual channel mode enabled
- BIOS Setup: At least 512 MB of UMA Frame Buffer Size (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Peripherals\ GFX Configuration," for more information)
- Playback software: CyberLink PowerDVD 10.0 or later (Note: Please ensure Hardware Acceleration is enabled. Whether Hardware Acceleration can be enabled for 3D Blu-ray discs is dependent on the APU being used.)
- HDCP compliant monitor(s)

● USB 3.0/2.0 Port

The USB 3.0 port supports the USB 3.0 specification and is compatible to the USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Use this port for USB devices such as a USB keyboard/mouse, USB printer, USB flash drive and etc.

● RJ-45 LAN Port

The Gigabit Ethernet LAN port provides Internet connection at up to 1 Gbps data rate. The following describes the states of the LAN port LEDs.

Connection/
Speed LED Activity LED



LAN Port

Connection/Speed LED:

State	Description
Orange	1 Gbps data rate
Green	100 Mbps data rate
Off	10 Mbps data rate

Activity LED:

State	Description
Blinking	Data transmission or receiving is occurring
Off	No data transmission or receiving is occurring

(Note) The DVI-D port does not support D-Sub connection by adapter.

ⓑ **Center/Subwoofer Speaker Out Jack (Orange)**

Use this audio jack to connect center/subwoofer speakers in a 5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

ⓐ **Rear Speaker Out Jack (Black)**

This jack can be used to connect front speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

ⓐ **Optical S/PDIF Out Connector**

This connector provides digital audio out to an external audio system that supports digital optical audio. Before using this feature, ensure that your audio system provides an optical digital audio in connector.

ⓑ **Line In Jack (Blue)**

The line out jack. Use this audio jack for line in devices such as an optical drive, walkman, etc.

ⓐ **Line Out Jack (Green)**

The line out jack. Use this audio jack for a headphone or 2-channel speaker. This jack can be used to connect front speakers in a 4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration.

ⓐ **Mic In Jack (Pink)**

The default Mic in jack. Microphones must be connected to this jack.

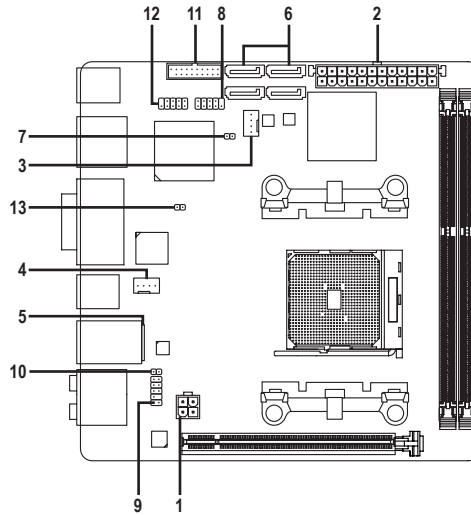


The audio jacks can be reconfigured to perform different functions via the audio software (supported functions for each jack may vary based on hardware specification). If you install a Side Speaker, you need to retask other audio jack to be Side Speaker out. Only microphones still **MUST** be connected to the default Mic in jack. Refer to the instructions on setting up a 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel audio configuration in Chapter 6, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."



- When removing the cable connected to a back panel connector, first remove the cable from your device and then remove it from the motherboard.
- When removing the cable, pull it straight out from the connector. Do not rock it side to side to prevent an electrical short inside the cable connector.

1-8 Internal Connectors



1) ATX_12V	8) F_PANEL
2) ATX	9) F_AUDIO
3) CPU_FAN	10) SPDIF_O
4) SYS_FAN	11) F_USB30
5) BAT	12) F_USB1
6) SATA3 0/1/2/3	13) CI
7) CLR_CMOS	



Read the following guidelines before connecting external devices:

- First make sure your devices are compliant with the connectors you wish to connect.
- Before installing the devices, be sure to turn off the devices and your computer. Unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the devices.
- After installing the device and before turning on the computer, make sure the device cable has been securely attached to the connector on the motherboard.

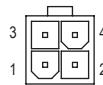
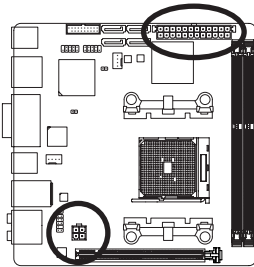
1/2) ATX_12V/ATX (2x2 12V Power Connector and 2x12 Main Power Connector)

With the use of the power connector, the power supply can supply enough stable power to all the components on the motherboard. Before connecting the power connector, first make sure the power supply is turned off and all devices are properly installed. The power connector possesses a foolproof design. Connect the power supply cable to the power connector in the correct orientation.

The 12V power connector mainly supplies power to the APU. If the 12V power connector is not connected, the computer will not start.



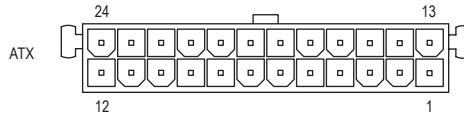
To meet expansion requirements, it is recommended that a power supply that can withstand high power consumption be used (300W or greater). If a power supply is used that does not provide the required power, the result can lead to an unstable or unbootable system.



ATX_12V

ATX_12V:

Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	GND
3	+12V
4	+12V

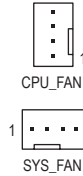
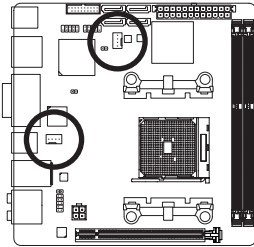


ATX:

Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	3.3V	13	3.3V
2	3.3V	14	-12V
3	GND	15	GND
4	+5V	16	PS_ON (soft On/Off)
5	GND	17	GND
6	+5V	18	GND
7	GND	19	GND
8	Power Good	20	-5V
9	5VSB (stand by +5V)	21	+5V
10	+12V	22	+5V
11	+12V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	23	+5V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)
12	3.3V (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)	24	GND (Only for 2x12-pin ATX)

3/4) CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN (Fan Headers)

All fan headers on this motherboard are 4-pin. Most fan headers possess a foolproof insertion design. When connecting a fan cable, be sure to connect it in the correct orientation (the black connector wire is the ground wire). The speed control function requires the use of a fan with fan speed control design. For optimum heat dissipation, it is recommended that a system fan be installed inside the chassis.



CPU_FAN/SYS_FAN:

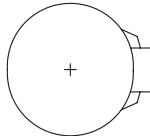
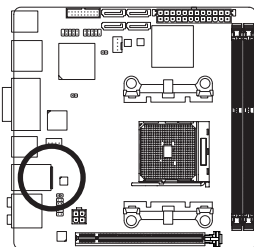
Pin No.	Definition
1	GND
2	+12V
3	Sense
4	Speed Control



- Be sure to connect fan cables to the fan headers to prevent your APU and system from overheating. Overheating may result in damage to the APU or the system may hang.
- These fan headers are not configuration jumper blocks. Do not place a jumper cap on the headers.

5) BAT (Battery)

The battery provides power to keep the values (such as BIOS configurations, date, and time information) in the CMOS when the computer is turned off. Replace the battery when the battery voltage drops to a low level, or the CMOS values may not be accurate or may be lost.



You may clear the CMOS values by removing the battery:

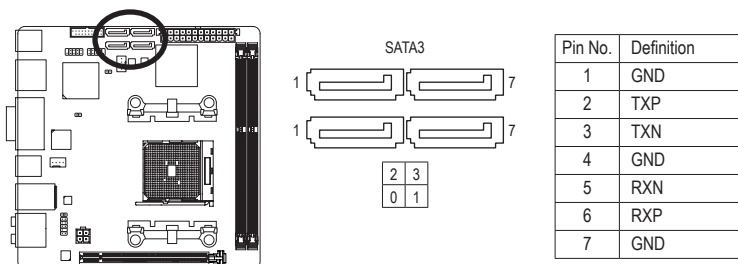
1. Turn off your computer and unplug the power cord.
2. Gently remove the battery from the battery holder and wait for one minute.
(Or use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the positive and negative terminals of the battery holder, making them short for 5 seconds.)
3. Replace the battery.
4. Plug in the power cord and restart your computer.



- Always turn off your computer and unplug the power cord before replacing the battery.
- Replace the battery with an equivalent one. Danger of explosion if the battery is replaced with an incorrect model.
- Contact the place of purchase or local dealer if you are not able to replace the battery by yourself or uncertain about the battery model.
- When installing the battery, note the orientation of the positive side (+) and the negative side (-) of the battery (the positive side should face up).
- Used batteries must be handled in accordance with local environmental regulations.

6) SATA3 0/1/2/3 (SATA 6Gb/s Connectors)

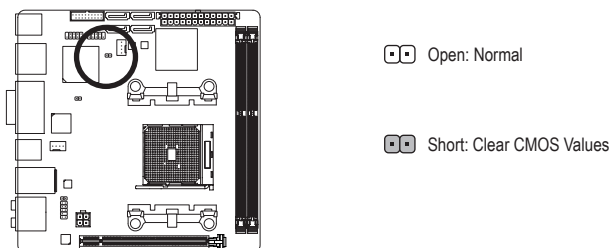
The SATA connectors conform to SATA 6Gb/s standard and are compatible with SATA 3Gb/s and SATA 1.5Gb/s standard. Each SATA connector supports a single SATA device. The AMD A88X Chipset supports RAID 0, RAID 1, RAID 5, RAID 10, and JBOD. Refer to Chapter 3, "Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)," for instructions on configuring a RAID array.



- A RAID 0 or RAID 1 configuration requires at least two hard drives. If more than two hard drives are to be used, the total number of hard drives must be an even number.
- A RAID 5 configuration requires at least three hard drives. (The total number of hard drives does not have to be an even number.)
- A RAID 10 configuration requires four hard drives.

7) CLR_CMOS (Clear CMOS Jumper)

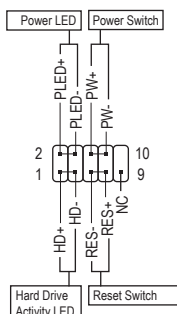
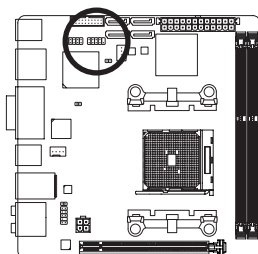
Use this jumper to clear the BIOS configuration and reset the CMOS values to factory defaults. To clear the CMOS values, use a metal object like a screwdriver to touch the two pins for a few seconds.



- Always turn off your computer before clearing the CMOS values.
- After system restart, go to BIOS Setup to load factory defaults (select Load Optimized Defaults) or manually configure the BIOS settings (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," for BIOS configurations).

8) F_PANEL (Front Panel Header)

Connect the power switch, reset switch, and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.



- **PLED** (Power LED, Yellow):

System Status	LED
S0	On
S3/S4/S5	Off

Connects to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED is off when the system is in S3/S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

- **PW** (Power Switch, Red):

Connects to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch (refer to Chapter 2, "BIOS Setup," "Power Management," for more information).

- **HD** (Hard Drive Activity LED, Blue):

Connects to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

- **RES** (Reset Switch, Green):

Connects to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

- **NC** (Purple):

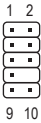
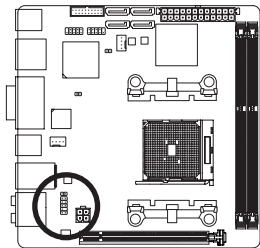
No connection.



The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assignments are matched correctly.

9) F_AUDIO (Front Panel Audio Header)

The front panel audio header supports Intel High Definition audio (HD) and AC'97 audio. You may connect your chassis front panel audio module to this header. Make sure the wire assignments of the module connector match the pin assignments of the motherboard header. Incorrect connection between the module connector and the motherboard header will make the device unable to work or even damage it.



For HD Front Panel Audio:

Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC2_L
2	GND
3	MIC2_R
4	-ACZ_DET
5	LINE2_R
6	GND
7	FAUDIO_JD
8	No Pin
9	LINE2_L
10	GND

For AC'97 Front Panel Audio:

Pin No.	Definition
1	MIC
2	GND
3	MIC Power
4	NC
5	Line Out (R)
6	NC
7	NC
8	No Pin
9	Line Out (L)
10	NC

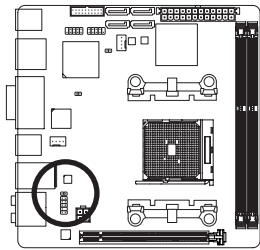


- The front panel audio header supports HD audio by default. If your chassis provides an AC'97 front panel audio module, refer to the instructions on how to activate AC'97 functionality via the audio software in Chapter 6, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously. If you want to mute the back panel audio (only supported when using an HD front panel audio module), refer to Chapter 6, "Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio."
- Some chassis provide a front panel audio module that has separated connectors on each wire instead of a single plug. For information about connecting the front panel audio module that has different wire assignments, please contact the chassis manufacturer.

10) SPDIF_O (S/PDIF Out Header)

This header supports digital S/PDIF Out and connects a S/PDIF digital audio cable (provided by expansion cards) for digital audio output from your motherboard to certain expansion cards like graphics cards and sound cards. For example, some graphics cards may require you to use a S/PDIF digital audio cable for digital audio output from your motherboard to your graphics card if you wish to connect an HDMI display to the graphics card and have digital audio output from the HDMI display at the same time.

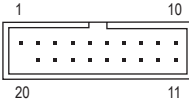
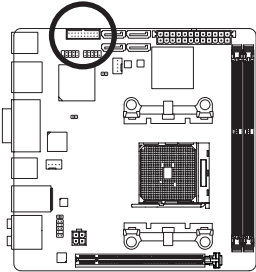
For information about connecting the S/PDIF digital audio cable, carefully read the manual for your expansion card.



Pin No.	Definition
1	SPDIFO
2	GND

11) F_USB30 (USB 3.0/2.0 Header)

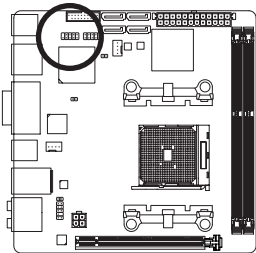
The header conforms to USB 3.0/2.0 specification and can provide two USB ports. For purchasing the optional 3.5" front panel that provides two USB 3.0/2.0 ports, please contact the local dealer.



Pin No.	Definition	Pin No.	Definition
1	VBUS	11	D2+
2	SSRX1-	12	D2-
3	SSRX1+	13	GND
4	GND	14	SSTX2+
5	SSTX1-	15	SSTX2-
6	SSTX1+	16	GND
7	GND	17	SSRX2+
8	D1-	18	SSRX2-
9	D1+	19	VBUS
10	NC	20	No Pin

12) F_USB1 (USB 2.0/1.1 Header)

The header conforms to USB 2.0/1.1 specification. Each USB header can provide two USB ports via an optional USB bracket. For purchasing the optional USB bracket, please contact the local dealer.



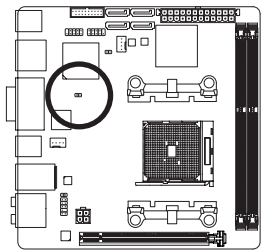
Pin No.	Definition
1	Power (5V)
2	Power (5V)
3	USB DX-
4	USB DY-
5	USB DX+
6	USB DY+
7	GND
8	GND
9	No Pin
10	NC



- Do not plug the IEEE 1394 bracket (2x5-pin) cable into the USB 2.0/1.1 header.
- Prior to installing the USB bracket, be sure to turn off your computer and unplug the power cord from the power outlet to prevent damage to the USB bracket.

13) CI (Chassis Intrusion Header)

This motherboard provides a chassis detection feature that detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This function requires a chassis with chassis intrusion detection design.



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Pin No.	Definition
1	Signal
2	GND

Chapter 2 BIOS Setup

BIOS (Basic Input and Output System) records hardware parameters of the system in the CMOS on the motherboard. Its major functions include conducting the Power-On Self-Test (POST) during system startup, saving system parameters and loading operating system, etc. BIOS includes a BIOS Setup program that allows the user to modify basic system configuration settings or to activate certain system features.

When the power is turned off, the battery on the motherboard supplies the necessary power to the CMOS to keep the configuration values in the CMOS.

To access the BIOS Setup program, press the <Delete> key during the POST when the power is turned on.

To upgrade the BIOS, use either the GIGABYTE Q-Flash or @BIOS utility.

- Q-Flash allows the user to quickly and easily upgrade or back up BIOS without entering the operating system.
- @BIOS is a Windows-based utility that searches and downloads the latest version of BIOS from the Internet and updates the BIOS.

For instructions on using the Q-Flash and @BIOS utilities, refer to Chapter 5, "BIOS Update Utilities."



- Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, if you do not encounter problems using the current version of BIOS, it is recommended that you not flash the BIOS. To flash the BIOS, do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.
- It is recommended that you not alter the default settings (unless you need to) to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, try to clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values. (Refer to the "Load Optimized Defaults" section in this chapter or introductions of the battery/clear CMOS jumper in Chapter 1 for how to clear the CMOS values.)

2-1 Startup Screen

The following startup Logo screen will appear when the computer boots.



Function Keys:

: BIOS SETUP/Q-FLASH

Press the <Delete> key to enter BIOS Setup or to access the Q-Flash utility in BIOS Setup.

<F9>: SYSTEM INFORMATION

Press the <F9> key to display your system information.

<F12>: BOOT MENU

Boot Menu allows you to set the first boot device without entering BIOS Setup. In Boot Menu, use the up arrow key <↑> or the down arrow key <↓> to select the first boot device, then press <Enter> to accept. The system will boot from the device immediately.

Note: The setting in Boot Menu is effective for one time only. After system restart, the device boot order will still be based on BIOS Setup settings.

<END>: Q-FLASH

Press the <End> key to access the Q-Flash utility directly without having to enter BIOS Setup first.

2-2 The Main Menu

On the main menu of the BIOS Setup program, press arrow keys to move among the items and press <Enter> to accept or enter a sub-menu. Or you can use your mouse to select the item you want.

(Sample BIOS Version: F1a)



BIOS Setup Program Function Keys

<←><→>	Move the selection bar to select a setup menu
<↑><↓>	Move the selection bar to select an configuration item on a menu
<Enter>	Execute command or enter a menu
<+>/<Page Up>	Increase the numeric value or make changes
<->/<Page Down>	Decrease the numeric value or make changes
<F5>	Restore the previous BIOS settings for the current submenus
<F7>	Load the Optimized BIOS default settings for the current submenus
<F8>	Access the Q-Flash utility
<F9>	Display system information
<F10>	Save all the changes and exit the BIOS Setup program
<F12>	Capture the current screen as an image and save it to your USB drive
<Esc>	Main Menu: Exit the BIOS Setup program Submenus: Exit current submenu

BIOS Setup Menus

■ M.I.T.

Use this menu to configure the clock, frequency, and voltages of your CPU and memory, etc. Or check the system/CPU temperatures, voltages, and fan speeds.

■ System Information

Use this menu to configure the default language used by the BIOS and system time and date.

■ BIOS Features

Use this menu to configure the device boot order, advanced features available on the CPU, and the primary display adapter.

■ Peripherals

Use this menu to configure all peripheral devices, such as SATA, USB, integrated audio, and integrated LAN, etc.

■ Power Management

Use this menu to configure all the power-saving functions.

■ Save & Exit

Save all the changes made in the BIOS Setup program to the CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. You can save the current BIOS settings to a profile or load optimized defaults for optimal-performance system operations.



- When the system is not stable as usual, select the **Load Optimized Defaults** item to set your system to its defaults.
- The BIOS Setup menus described in this chapter are for reference only and may differ by BIOS version.

2-3 M.I.T.



Whether the system will work stably with the overclock/overvoltage settings you made is dependent on your overall system configurations. Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to CPU, chipset, or memory and reduce the useful life of these components. This page is for advanced users only and we recommend you not to alter the default settings to prevent system instability or other unexpected results. (Inadequately altering the settings may result in system's failure to boot. If this occurs, clear the CMOS values and reset the board to default values.)



This section provides information on the BIOS version, CPU base clock, CPU frequency, memory frequency, total memory size, CPU temperature, Vcore, and memory voltage.

► **M.I.T. Current Status**

This screen provides information on CPU/memory frequencies/parameters.

► **Advanced Frequency Settings**



☞ **BCLK/PCIE Clock Control**

Allows you to manually set the CPU base clock and PCIe bus frequency in 1 MHz increments. (Default: Auto)

Important: It is highly recommended that the CPU frequency be set in accordance with the CPU specifications.

☞ **NB Clock(Mhz)**

Allows you to manually set the CPU North Bridge frequency. The adjustable range is from 800 MHz to 6000 MHz.

☞ **Processor Graphics Clock**

Allows you to set the onboard graphics clock. The adjustable range is from 300 MHz to 2000 MHz.

☞ **CPU Clock Ratio**

Allows you to alter the clock ratio for the installed CPU. The adjustable range is dependent on the CPU being installed.

☞ **CPU Frequency**

Displays the current operating CPU frequency.

► Advanced CPU Core Features



☞ CPU Clock Ratio, CPU Frequency

The settings above are synchronous to those under the same items on the **Advanced Frequency Settings** menu.

☞ Core Performance Boost^(Note)

Allows you to determine whether to enable the Core Performance Boost (CPB) technology, a CPU performance-boost technology. (Default: Auto)

☞ Turbo CPB^(Note)

Allows you to determine whether to improve CPU performance. (Default: Disabled)

☞ CPB Ratio^(Note)

Allows you alter the ratio for the CPB. The adjustable range is dependent on the CPU being installed. (Default: Auto)

☞ Cool&Quiet

►► Enabled

Lets the AMD Cool'n'Quiet driver dynamically adjust the CPU clock and VID to reduce heat output from your computer and its power consumption. (Default)

►► Disabled

Disables this function.

☞ SVM Mode

Virtualization enhanced by Virtualization Technology will allow a platform to run multiple operating systems and applications in independent partitions. With virtualization, one computer system can function as multiple virtual systems. (Default: Enabled)

☞ C6 Mode

Allows you to determine whether to let the CPU enter C6 mode in system halt state. When enabled, the CPU core frequency will be reduced during system halt state to decrease power consumption. The C6 state is a more enhanced power-saving state than C1. (Default: Enabled)

(Note) This item is present only when you install a CPU that supports this feature.

☞ **CPU Core Control**

Allows you to determine whether to manually enable/disable CPU cores. **Automatic mode** allows the BIOS to enable all CPU cores (number of cores available depends on the CPU being used). (Default: Automatic mode)

☞ **APM**

Enables or disables Application Power Management. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** ^(Note)

Allows the BIOS to read the SPD data on XMP memory module(s) to enhance memory performance when enabled.

- ▶▶ Disabled Disables this function. (Default)
- ▶▶ Profile1 Uses Profile 1 settings.
- ▶▶ Profile2 ^(Note) Uses Profile 2 settings.

☞ **AMD Memory Profile (A.M.P.)** ^(Note)

Allows the BIOS to read the SPD data on AMP memory module(s) to enhance memory performance when enabled. (Default: Disabled)

☞ **System Memory Multiplier**

Allows you to set the system memory multiplier. **Auto** sets memory multiplier according to memory SPD data. (Default: Auto)

☞ **Memory Frequency (MHz)**

This value is automatically adjusted according to the **BCLK/PCIe Clock Control** and **System Memory Multiplier** settings.

(Note) This item is present only when you install a memory module that supports this feature.

► Advanced Memory Settings



- ☞ **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** ^(Note), **System Memory Multiplier**, **Memory Frequency(MHz)**
The settings above are synchronous to those under the same items on the **Advanced Frequency Settings** menu.

☞ **DRAM Timing Selectable**

Quick and **Expert** allows the memory timing settings below to be configurable. Options are: Auto (default), Quick, Expert.

☞ **Profile DDR Voltage**

When using a non-XMP memory module or **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** is set to **Disabled**, this item will display as **1.50V**. When **Extreme Memory Profile (X.M.P.)** is set to **Profile1** or **Profile2**, this item will display the value based on the SPD data on the XMP memory.

☞ **Profile VTT Voltage**

The value displayed here is dependent on the CPU being used.

☞ **Rank Interleaving**

Enables or disables memory rank interleaving. **Enabled** allows the system to simultaneously access different ranks of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. (Default: Enabled)

☞ **Channel Interleaving**

Enables or disables memory channel interleaving. **Enabled** allows the system to simultaneously access different channels of the memory to increase memory performance and stability. (Default: Enabled)

(Note) This item is present only when you install a memory module that supports this feature.

► Channel A/B Timing Settings



This sub-menu provides memory timing settings for each channel of memory. The respective timing setting screens are configurable only when **DRAM Timing Selectable** is set to **Quick** or **Expert**. Note: Your system may become unstable or fail to boot after you make changes on the memory timings. If this occurs, please reset the board to default values by loading optimized defaults or clearing the CMOS values.

► Advanced Voltage Settings



This sub-menu allows you to set CPU, chipset and memory voltages.

► PC Health Status



Reset Case Open Status

- Disabled Keeps or clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status. (Default)
- Enabled Clears the record of previous chassis intrusion status and the **Case Open** field will show "No" at next boot.

Case Open

Displays the detection status of the chassis intrusion detection device attached to the motherboard CI header. If the system chassis cover is removed, this field will show "Yes", otherwise it will show "No". To clear the chassis intrusion status record, set **Reset Case Open Status** to **Enabled**, save the settings to the CMOS, and then restart your system.

CPU Vcore/Dran Voltage/+3.3V/+5V/+12V

Displays the current system voltages.

CPU/System Temperature

Displays current CPU/system temperature.

CPU/System Fan Speed

Displays current CPU/system fan speed.

CPU Fan Speed Control

Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.

- Normal Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the CPU temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- Silent Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
- Manual Allows you to control the fan speed under the **Slope PWM** item.
- Disabled Allows the fan to run at full speeds.

Slope PWM

Allows you to control the CPU fan speed. This item is configurable only when **CPU Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /°C ~ 2.50 PWM value /°C.

System Fan Speed Control

Allows you to determine whether to enable the fan speed control function and adjust the fan speed.

- ▶▶ **Normal** Allows the fan to run at different speeds according to the system temperature. You can adjust the fan speed with EasyTune based on your system requirements. (Default)
- ▶▶ **Silent** Allows the fan to run at slow speeds.
- ▶▶ **Manual** Allows you to control the fan speed under the **Slope PWM** item.
- ▶▶ **Disabled** Allows the fan to run at full speeds.

Slope PWM

Allows you to control the system fan speed. This item is configurable only when **System Fan Speed Control** is set to **Manual**. Options are: 0.75 PWM value /°C ~ 2.50 PWM value /°C.

2-4 System Information



This section provides information on your motherboard model and BIOS version. You can also select the default language used by the BIOS and manually set the system time.

System Language

Selects the default language used by the BIOS.

System Date

Sets the system date. The date format is week (read-only), month, date, and year. Use <Enter> to switch between the Month, Date, and Year fields and use the <Page Up> or <Page Down> key to set the desired value.

System Time

Sets the system time. The time format is hour, minute, and second. For example, 1 p.m. is 13:0:0. Use <Enter> to switch between the Hour, Minute, and Second fields and use the <Page Up> or <Page Down> key to set the desired value.

Access Level

Displays the current access level depending on the type of password protection used. (If no password is set, the default will display as Administrator.) The Administrator level allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings; the User level only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.

2-5 BIOS Features



Boot Option Priorities

Specifies the overall boot order from the available devices. For example, you can set hard drive as the first priority (**Boot Option #1**) and DVD ROM drive as the second priority (**Boot Option #2**). The list only displays the device with the highest priority for a specific type. For example, only hard drive defined as the first priority on the **Hard Drive BBS Priorities** submenu will be presented here.

Removable storage devices that support GPT format will be prefixed with "UEFI:" string on the boot device list. To boot from an operating system that supports GPT partitioning, select the device prefixed with "UEFI:" string.

Or if you want to install an operating system that supports GPT partitioning such as Windows 7 64-bit, select the optical drive that contains the Windows 7 64-bit installation disk and is prefixed with "UEFI:" string.

- **Hard Drive/CD/DVD ROM Drive/Floppy Drive/Network Device BBS Priorities**
Specifies the boot order for a specific device type, such as hard drives, optical drives, floppy disk drives, and devices that support Boot from LAN function, etc. Press <Enter> on this item to enter the submenu that presents the devices of the same type that are connected. This item is present only if at least one device for this type is installed.
- **Bootup NumLock State**
Enables or disables Numlock feature on the numeric keypad of the keyboard after the POST. (Default: Enabled)
- **Security Option**
Specifies whether a password is required every time the system boots, or only when you enter BIOS Setup. After configuring this item, set the password(s) under the **Administrator Password/User Password** item.
 - Setup A password is only required for entering the BIOS Setup program.
 - System A password is required for booting the system and for entering the BIOS Setup program. (Default)
- **Full Screen LOGO Show**
Allows you to determine whether to display the GIGABYTE Logo at system startup. **Disabled** skips the GIGABYTE Logo when the system starts up. (Default: Enabled)
- **OS Type**
Allows you to select the operating system to be installed. (Default: Other OS)
- **CSM Support**
Enables or disables UEFI CSM (Compatibility Support Module) to support a legacy PC boot process.
 - Always Enables UEFI CSM. (Default)
 - Never Disables UEFI CSM and supports UEFI BIOS boot process only.
 This item is configurable only when **OS Type** is set to **Windows 8**.
- **Boot Mode Selection**
Allows you to select which type of operating system to boot.
 - UEFI and Legacy Allows booting from operating systems that support legacy option ROM or UEFI option ROM. (Default)
 - Legacy Only Allows booting from operating systems that only support legacy Option ROM.
 - UEFI Only Allows booting from operating systems that only support UEFI Option ROM.
 This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.
- **LAN PXE Boot Option ROM**
Allows you to select whether to enable the legacy option ROM for the LAN controller. (Default: Disabled)
This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.
- **Storage Boot Option Control**
Allows you to select whether to enable the UEFI or legacy option ROM for the storage device controller.
 - Disabled Disables option ROM.
 - Legacy Only Enables legacy option ROM only. (Default)
 - UEFI Only Enables UEFI option ROM only.
 - Legacy First Enables legacy option ROM first.
 - UEFI First Enables UEFI option ROM first.
 This item is configurable only when **CSM Support** is set to **Always**.

☞ **Other PCI Device ROM Priority**

Allows you to select whether to enable the UEFI or Legacy option ROM for the PCI device controller other than the LAN, storage device, and graphics controllers.

- » Legacy OpROM Enables legacy option ROM only.
- » UEFI OpROM Enables UEFI option ROM only. (Default)

☞ **Network stack**

Disables or enables booting from the network to install a GPT format OS, such as installing the OS from the Windows Deployment Services server. (Default: Disable Link)

☞ **Ipv4 PXE Support**

Enables or disables IPv4 PXE Support. This item is configurable only when **Network stack** is enabled.

☞ **Ipv6 PXE Support**

Enables or disables IPv6 PXE Support. This item is configurable only when **Network stack** is enabled.

☞ **Administrator Password**

Allows you to configure an administrator password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. Differing from the user password, the administrator password allows you to make changes to all BIOS settings.

☞ **User Password**

Allows you to configure a user password. Press <Enter> on this item, type the password, and then press <Enter>. You will be requested to confirm the password. Type the password again and press <Enter>. You must enter the administrator password (or user password) at system startup and when entering BIOS Setup. However, the user password only allows you to make changes to certain BIOS settings but not all.

To cancel the password, press <Enter> on the password item and when requested for the password, enter the correct one first. When prompted for a new password, press <Enter> without entering any password. Press <Enter> again when prompted to confirm.

2-6 Peripherals



⚙ IOMMU

Enables or disables AMD IOMMU support. (Default: Disabled)

⚙ OnChip SATA Channel

Enables or disables the integrated SATA controllers. (Default: Enabled)

⚙ OnChip SATA Type

Enables or disables RAID for the SATA controllers integrated in the Chipset or configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode.

- Native IDE Configures the SATA controller to IDE mode.
- RAID Enables RAID for the SATA controller.
- AHCI Configures the SATA controllers to AHCI mode. Advanced Host Controller Interface (AHCI) is an interface specification that allows the storage driver to enable advanced Serial ATA features such as Native Command Queuing and hot plug. (Default)

⚙ OnChip USB Controller

Enables or disables the integrated USB controller. (Default: Enabled)

⚙ HD Audio Azalia Device

Enables or disables the onboard audio function. (Default: Enabled)

If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in audio card instead of using the onboard audio, set this item to **Disabled**.

⚙ Onboard LAN Controller

Enables or disables the onboard LAN function. (Default: Enabled)

If you wish to install a 3rd party add-in network card instead of using the onboard LAN, set this item to **Disabled**.

⚙ Legacy USB Support

Allows USB keyboard/mouse to be used in MS-DOS. (Default: Enabled)

✎ XHCI Hand-off

Determines whether to enable XHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without XHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Enabled)

✎ EHCI Hand-off

Determines whether to enable EHCI Hand-off feature for an operating system without EHCI Hand-off support. (Default: Disabled)

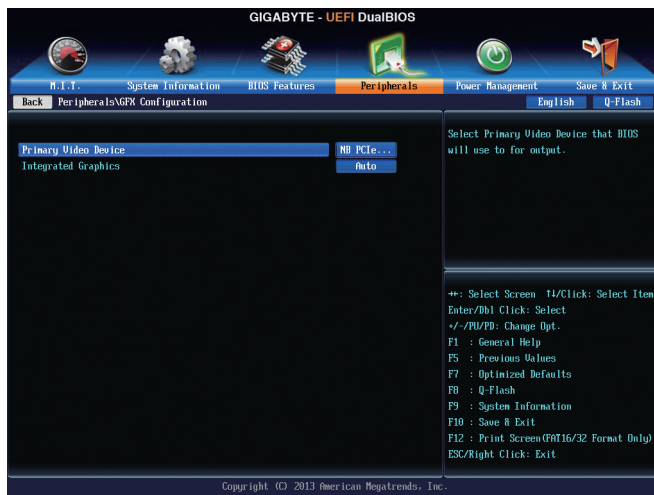
✎ Port 60/64 Emulation

Enables or disables emulation of I/O ports 64h and 60h. This should be enabled for full legacy support for USB keyboards/mice in MS-DOS or in operating system that does not natively support USB devices. (Default: Disabled)

✎ USB Storage Devices

Displays a list of connected USB mass storage devices. This item appears only when a USB storage device is installed.

► GFX Configuration



✎ Primary Video Device

Specifies the first initiation of the monitor display from the installed PCI Express graphics card or the onboard graphics.

- » IGD Video Sets the onboard graphics as the first display.
- » NB PCIe Slot Video Sets the PCI Express graphics card on the PCI Express slot controlled by the North Bridge as the first display. (Default)

✎ Integrated Graphics

Enables or disables the onboard graphics function.

- » Auto The BIOS will automatically enable or disable the onboard graphics depending on the graphics card being installed. (Default)
- » Disabled Disables the onboard graphics.
- » Force Always activates the onboard graphics, whether or not a PCI Express card is installed.

UMA Frame Buffer Size

This item is configurable only when **Integrated Graphics** is set to **Force**. Frame buffer size is the total amount of system memory allocated solely for the onboard graphics controller. MS-DOS, for example, will use only this memory for display. Options are: Auto (default), 256M, 512M, 1G, 2G.

ATA Port Information

This section provides information on the device connected to each SATA port controlled by AMD Chipset.

SATA Configuration



SATA Hot Plug on PORT0~SATA Hot Plug on PORT3

Enables or disable the hot plug capability for each SATA port. (Default: Disabled)

SATA Power on PORT0~SATA Power on PORT3

Enables or disables each SATA port. (Default: Enabled)

2-7 Power Management



Resume by Alarm

Determines whether to power on the system at a desired time. (Default: Disabled)

If enabled, set the date and time as following:

- » Wake up day: Turn on the system at a specific time on each day or on a specific day in a month.
- » Wake up hour/minute/second: Set the time at which the system will be powered on automatically.

Note: When using this function, avoid inadequate shutdown from the operating system or removal of the AC power, or the settings may not be effective.

HPET Support

Enables or disables High Precision Event Timer (HPET) for Windows 8/7 operating system. (Default: Enabled)

Soft-Off by PWR-BTTN

Configures the way to turn off the computer in MS-DOS mode using the power button.

- » Instant-Off Press the power button and then the system will be turned off instantly. (Default)
- » Delay 4 Sec. Press and hold the power button for 4 seconds to turn off the system. If the power button is pressed for less than 4 seconds, the system will enter suspend mode.

AC BACK

Determines the state of the system after the return of power from an AC power loss.

- » Memory The system returns to its last known awake state upon the return of the AC power.
- » Always On The system is turned on upon the return of the AC power.
- » Always Off The system stays off upon the return of the AC power. (Default)

(Note) Supported on Windows 8/7 operating system only.

☞ **Power On By Keyboard**

Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 keyboard wake-up event.

Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

- ▶▶ Disabled Disables this function. (Default)
- ▶▶ Password Set a password with 1~5 characters to turn on the system.
- ▶▶ Keyboard 98 Press POWER button on the Windows 98 keyboard to turn on the system.
- ▶▶ Any key Press any key to turn on the system.

☞ **Power On Password**

Set the password when **Power On By Keyboard** is set to **Password**.

Press <Enter> on this item and set a password with up to 5 characters and then press <Enter> to accept.

To turn on the system, enter the password and press <Enter>.

Note: To cancel the password, press <Enter> on this item. When prompted for the password, press <Enter> again without entering the password to clear the password settings.

☞ **Power On By Mouse**

Allows the system to be turned on by a PS/2 mouse wake-up event.

Note: To use this function, you need an ATX power supply providing at least 1A on the +5VSB lead.

- ▶▶ Disabled Disables this function. (Default)
- ▶▶ Move Move the mouse to turn on the system.
- ▶▶ Double Click Double click on left button on the mouse to turn on the system.

☞ **ErP**

Determines whether to let the system consume least power in S5 (shutdown) state. (Default: Disabled)

Note: When this item is set to **Enabled**, the following functions will become unavailable: PME event wake up, power on by mouse, power on by keyboard, and wake on LAN.

2-8 Save & Exit



Save & Exit Setup

Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes**. This saves the changes to the CMOS and exits the BIOS Setup program. Select **No** or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

Exit Without Saving

Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes**. This exits the BIOS Setup without saving the changes made in BIOS Setup to the CMOS. Select **No** or press <Esc> to return to the BIOS Setup Main Menu.

Load Optimized Defaults

Press <Enter> on this item and select **Yes** to load the optimal BIOS default settings. The BIOS default settings help the system to operate in optimum state. Always load the Optimized defaults after updating the BIOS or after clearing the CMOS values.

Boot Override

Allows you to select a device to boot immediately. Press <Enter> on the device you select and select **Yes** to confirm. Your system will restart automatically and boot from that device.

Save Profiles

This function allows you to save the current BIOS settings to a profile. You can create up to 8 profiles and save as Setup Profile 1~ Setup Profile 8. Press <Enter> to complete. Or you can select **Select File in HDD/USB/FDD** to save the profile to your storage device.

Load Profiles

If your system becomes unstable and you have loaded the BIOS default settings, you can use this function to load the BIOS settings from a profile created before, without the hassles of reconfiguring the BIOS settings. First select the profile you wish to load and then press <Enter> to complete. You can select **Select File in HDD/USB/FDD** to input the profile previously created from your storage device or load the profile automatically created by the BIOS, such as reverting the BIOS settings to the last settings that worked properly (last known good record).

Chapter 3 Configuring SATA Hard Drive(s)

RAID Levels

	RAID 0	RAID 1	RAID 5	RAID 10
Minimum Number of Hard Drives	≥2	2	≥3	≥4
Array Capacity	Number of hard drives * Size of the smallest drive	Size of the smallest drive	(Number of hard drives -1) * Size of the smallest drive	(Number of hard drives/2) * Size of the smallest drive
Fault Tolerance	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

To configure SATA hard drive(s), follow the steps below:

- A. Install SATA hard drive(s) in your computer.
- B. Configure SATA controller mode in BIOS Setup.
- C. Configure a RAID array in RAID BIOS ^(Note 1)
- D. Install the SATA RAID/AHCI driver and operating system ^(Note 2)

Before you begin

- At least two SATA hard drives (to ensure optimal performance, it is recommended that you use two hard drives with identical model and capacity). If you do not want to create RAID, you may prepare only one hard drive.
- Windows 8/7/XP (32-bit) setup disk.
- Motherboard driver disk.
- A USB flash drive.
- A USB floppy disk drive (needed during Windows XP installation).
- An empty formatted floppy disk (needed during Windows XP installation).

3-1 Configuring SATA Controllers

A. Installing SATA hard drive(s) in your computer

Attach one end of the SATA signal cable to the rear of the SATA hard drive and the other end to available SATA port on the motherboard. Then connect the power connector from your power supply to the hard drive.

(Note 1) Skip this step if you do not want to create RAID array on the SATA controller.

(Note 2) Required when the SATA controller is set to AHCI or RAID mode.

B. Configuring SATA controller mode in BIOS Setup

Make sure to configure the SATA controller mode correctly in system BIOS Setup.

Step 1:

Turn on your computer and press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup during the POST (Power-On Self-Test). Ensure **OnChip SATA Channel** is enabled under **Peripherals**. Set **OnChip SATA Type** to **RAID** (Figure 1).



Figure 1

Step 2:

If you want to configure UEFI RAID, follow the steps in "C-1." To enter the legacy RAID ROM, save the settings and exit BIOS Setup. Refer to "C-2" for more information.



The BIOS Setup menus described in this section may differ from the exact settings for your motherboard. The actual BIOS Setup menu options you will see shall depend on the motherboard you have and the BIOS version.

C-1. UEFI RAID Configuration

This mode supports Windows 8 64-bit installation only.

To configure UEFI RAID, you need to prepare a USB flash drive using FAT 32 file format and copy all files (including the UEFI RAID utility rcadm.efi) in the \BootDrv\UEFI RAID Utility folder in your motherboard driver disk to the flash drive. Then follow the steps below.

Steps:

In BIOS Setup, go to **BIOS Features** and set **OS Type** to **Windows 8** and **CSM Support** to **Never** (Figure 2). Save the changes and exit BIOS Setup.



Figure 2

Running the UEFI RAID Utility

Restart your computer and press <F12> to enter the boot device configuration menu. Use the up or down arrow key to select your USB flash drive which is prefixed with "UEFI:" string. Then press <Enter> to access the screen as shown in Figure 3. To run the UEFI RAID utility, enter the following commands.

You can enter the commands at **Shell** or **fsx:** level (x represents the disk number for your USB flash drive).

```
EFI Shell version 2.31 [4.653]
Current running mode 1.1.2
Device mapping table
fs0 : Removable HardDisk - Alias hd15e0b blk0
      PciRoot (0x0)/Pci (0x12, 0x2)/USB (0x2, 0x0)/HD (1.MBR,0xc3072e18, 0x1f80, 0xeea080)
blk0 : Removable CDRom - Alias hd15c0b fs0
      PciRoot (0x0)/Pci (0x12, 0x2)/USB (0x2, 0x0)/HD (1.MBR,0xc3072e18, 0x1f80, 0xeea080)
blk1 : BlockDevice - Alias (null)
      PciRoot (0x0)/Pci (0x11, 0x0)/Unit (0x1)
blk2 : Removable BlockDevice - Alias (null)
      PciRoot (0x0)/Pci (0x12, 0x2)/USB (0x2, 0x0)

Press ESC in 1 seconds to skip startup.nsh, any other key to continue.
Shell>
```

Figure 3

Checking Disk Information

To see the hard drive information, enter the following commands and press <Enter>. You will see CONTROLLER LIST and DISK LIST displayed on the screen.

```
rcadm -M -qa (Figure 4)
```



```
fs0:\> readm -M -qa
```

Figure 4


Creating a RAID Array

To create a RAID array, refer to the following examples to enter the commands and press <Enter>. When succeeded, the message which says "created successfully" will appear.

Example 1: Create a RAID 0 array with Drive 0 and Drive 1 and the array size is 40 GB.

```
rcadm -C -r0 -d 0 1 -s 40000 (Figure 5)
```

("C"=Create a array, "r0"=RAID 0, d 0 1=Drive 0 and Drive 1, "s 40000"=Size of 40 GB; to use the maximum size allowed, do not enter "s x0000")



```
fs0:\>rcadm -C -r0 -d 0 1 -s 40000
```

```
created successfully
```


```
fs0:\>
```

Figure 5

Example 2: Create a RAID 5 array with Drive 1~4 and the array size is 75 GB.

```
rcadm -C -r5 -d 1 2 3 4 -s 75000 (Figure 6)
```

("C"=Create a array, "r5"=RAID 5, d 1 2 3 4=Drive 1~4, "s 75000"=Size of 75 GB)



```
fs0:\>rcadm -C -r5 -d 1 2 3 4 -s 75000
```

```
created successfully
```

```
fs0:\>
```

Figure 6

After you create the array, you can enter the "rcadm -M -qa" commands to see the array information. In addition to the CONTROLLER LIST and DISK LIST information, you will see ARRAY LIST information displayed on the screen, too.

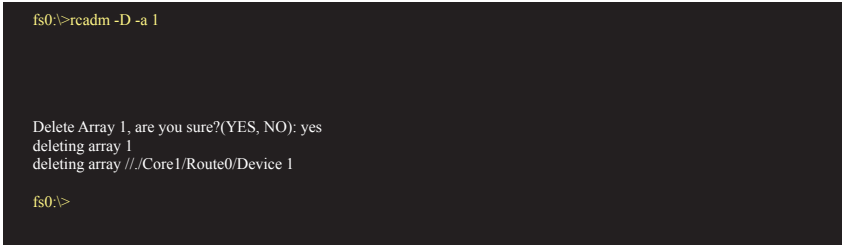
Deleting an Array

To delete an array, enter the following commands and press <Enter>.

```
rcadm -D -a 1 (Figure 7)
```

("D"=Delete a array, "a 1"=Array 1, to delete all arrays, enter "a *")

When prompted to confirm, enter **YES** to delete or **NO** to cancel, and then press <Enter>.



```
fs0:\>rcadm -D -a 1

Delete Array 1, are you sure?(YES, NO): yes
deleting array 1
deleting array ///Core1/Route0/Device 1

fs0:\>
```

Figure 7

To exit the UEFI RAID utility, enter "exit" and press <Enter>.

C-2. Configuring Legacy RAID ROM

Enter the legacy RAID BIOS setup utility to configure a RAID array. Skip this step and proceed with the installation of Windows operating system for a non-RAID configuration.

Steps:

After the POST memory test begins and before the operating system boot begins, look for a message which says "Press <Ctrl-F> to enter RAID Option ROM Utility" (Figure 8). Press <Ctrl> + <R> to enter the RAID BIOS setup utility.



Figure 8

Creating a RAID Array

To create a new array, press <Enter> on the **Create Array** option. (Figure 9)

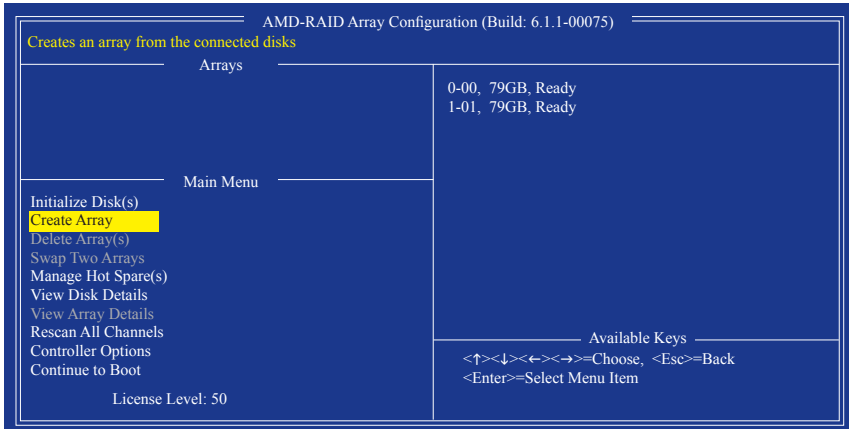


Figure 9

The selection bar will move to the **Disks** section on the right of the screen. Select the hard drives to be included in the RAID array. Use the up or down arrow key to select a hard drive and press <Insert>. The selected hard drive will be shown in green. To use all of the hard drives, simply press <A> to select all. Then press <Enter> and the selection bar will move to the **User Input** section on the left bottom of the screen. (Figure 10)

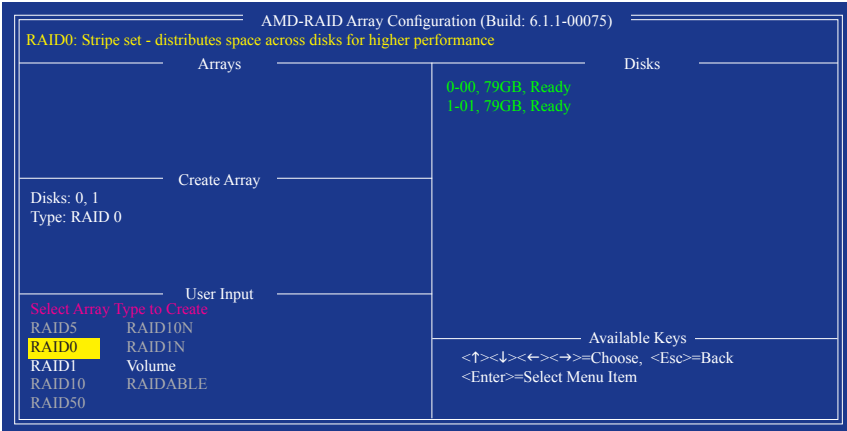


Figure 10

First, select a RAID mode and press <Enter>. The selections available depend on the number of the hard drives being installed. Then follow the on-screen instructions to specify the array size. You can select **All available space** to use the maximum size allowed or use the up or down arrow key to adjust the size (Figure 11) and press <Enter>.

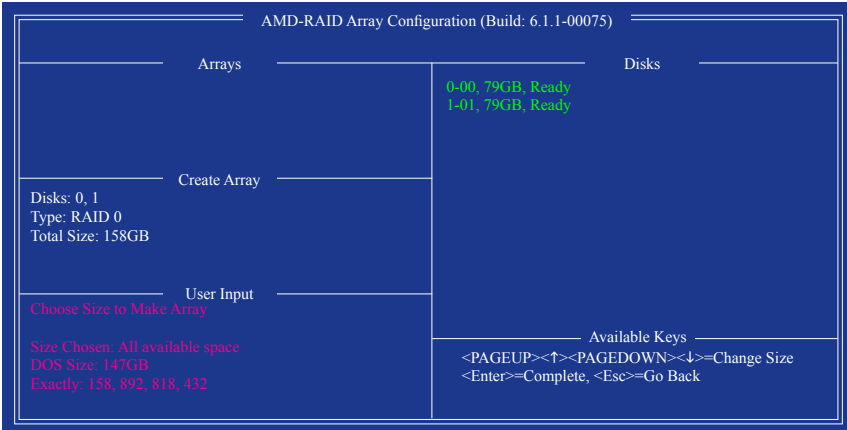


Figure 11

Select a caching mode. Options include Read/Write, Read Only, and None. Then press <Enter> to proceed.

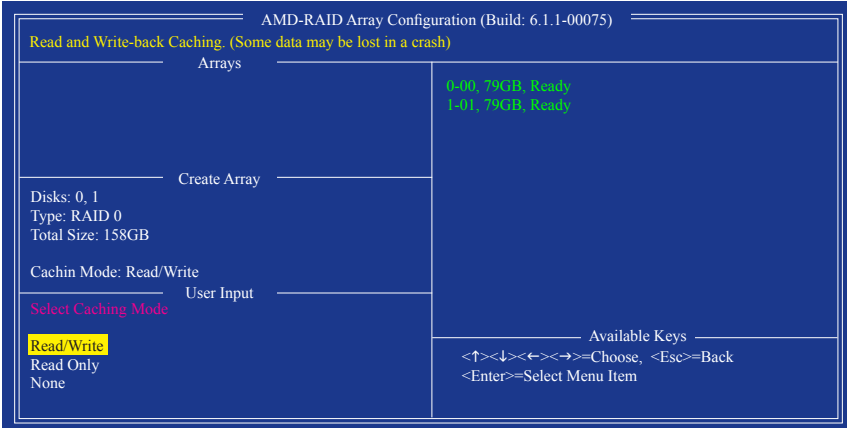


Figure 12

Finally, a message which says "Confirm Creation of Array" will appear. Press <C> to confirm or <Esc> to return to the previous screen.

When completed, you will see the new array on the main screen (Figure 13). To exit the RAID BIOS utility, press <Esc> and then press <C> to confirm.

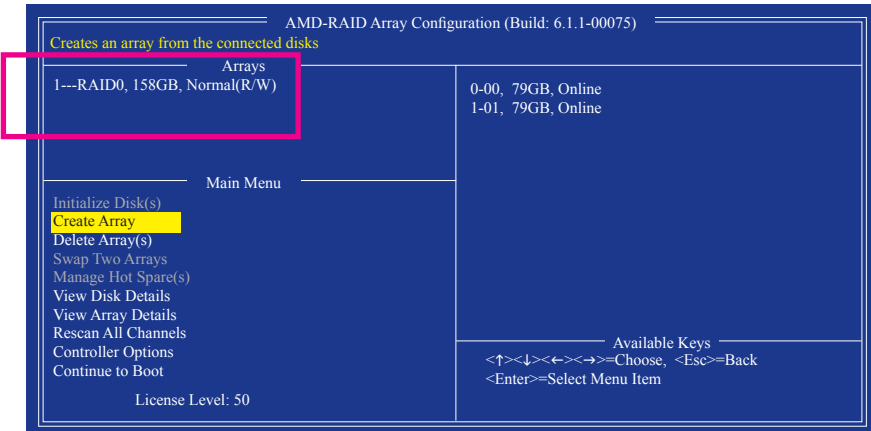


Figure 13

Deleting an Array

The **Delete Array(s)** menu option allows for deletion of disk array assignments.



Deleting an existing disk array could result in loss of data. Record all array information including the array type, the disk members, and stripe block size in case you wish to undo a deletion.

1. Select **Delete Array(s)** in the **Main Menu** and press <Enter>.
2. In the **Arrays** section, press the <Insert> key on the array you want to delete and then press <Enter> to proceed.
3. When prompted to confirm (Figure 14), press <C> to continue the deletion or <Esc> to cancel.

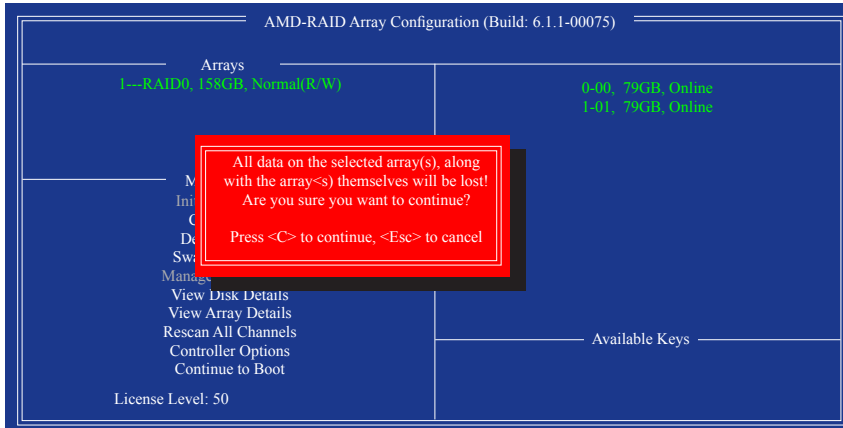


Figure 14

3-2 Installing the SATA RAID/AHCI Driver and Operating System

With the correct BIOS settings, you are ready to install the operating system.

A. Installing Windows 8/7

(The following instructions use Windows 8 as the example operating system.)

Step 1:

You need to install the SATA RAID/AHCI driver during the OS installation. Use an alternative system to copy the SATA RAID/AHCI driver from the motherboard driver disk to a USB flash drive. Copy the **Hw8_A88** folder under **BootDrv** in the driver disk.

Step 2:

Boot from the Windows 8 setup disk and perform standard OS installation steps. When the screen requesting you to load the driver appears, select **Browse**.

Step 3:

Then browse to the USB flash drive and select the location of the driver. The locations of the drivers are as follows:

RAID driver for Windows 8 32-bit: Hw8_A88\RAID\x86

RAID driver for Windows 8 64-bit: Hw8_A88\RAID\x64

AHCI driver for Windows 8 32-bit: Hw8_A88\AHCI\W8

AHCI driver for Windows 8 64-bit: Hw8_A88\AHCI\W864A

For Windows 7, browse to the **Hw7_A88** folder.

Step 4:

When a screen as shown in Figure 1 appears, select **AMD-RAID Controller (storport) (C:\Hw8_A88\RAID\x64\amdraid.inf)** and click **Next** to load the driver and continue the OS installation.

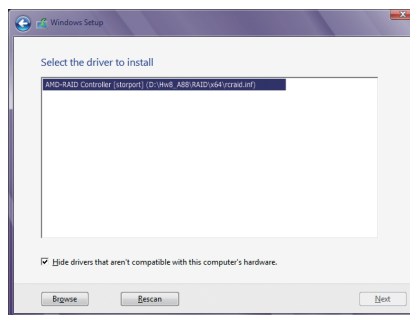


Figure 1

B. Installing Windows XP (32-bit)

Before installing Windows XP, connect a USB floppy disk drive to your computer first because you need to install the SATA RAID/AHCI driver from a floppy disk that contains the driver during the OS installation. Without the driver, the hard drive(s) may not be recognized during the Windows setup process. First, copy the driver from the motherboard driver disk to a floppy disk. Refer to the methods below.

Method A:

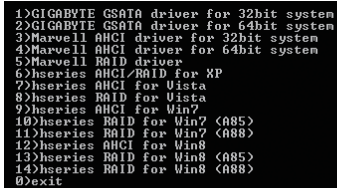
- For the AMD A88X, copy all files in the **\BootDrv\Hxp** folder to your floppy disk.

Method B:

Steps:

- 1: Use an alternative system and insert the motherboard driver disk.
- 2: From your optical drive folder, double click the **Menu.exe** file in the **BootDrv** folder. A Command Prompt window will open similar to that in Figure 2.
- 3: Insert the blank formatted disk (if you're using a USB floppy disk drive, make sure it is designated as drive A). Select the controller driver by pressing the corresponding letter from the menu and press <Enter>. For example, from the menu in Figure 2, for the AMD A88X, select **6) hseries AHCI/RAID for XP**.

Your system will then automatically copy the driver files to the floppy disk. Press any key to exit when finished.



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1>GIGABYTE SATA driver for 32bit system
2>GIGABYTE SATA driver for 64bit system
3>Marvell AHCI driver for 32bit system
4>Marvell AHCI driver for 64bit system
5>Marvell RAID driver
6>hseries AHCI/RAID for XP
7>hseries AHCI for Vista
8>hseries RAID for Vista
9>hseries AHCI for Win7
10>hseries RAID for Win7 <085>
11>hseries RAID for Win7 <088>
12>hseries AHCI for Win8
13>hseries RAID for Win8 <085>
14>hseries RAID for Win8 <088>
0>exit
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Figure 2

Refer to the following for installing the driver during the Windows setup process.

Step 1:

Restart your system to boot from the Windows XP setup disk and press <F6> as soon as you see the message "Press F6 if you need to install a 3rd party SCSI or RAID driver." A screen will then appear asking you to specify an additional SCSI adapter. Press <S>.

Step 2:

Insert the floppy disk containing the SATA RAID/AHCI driver and press <Enter>. Then a controller menu similar to that in Figure 3 will appear. Select **AMD AHCI Compatible RAID Controller-x86 platform** and press <Enter>.

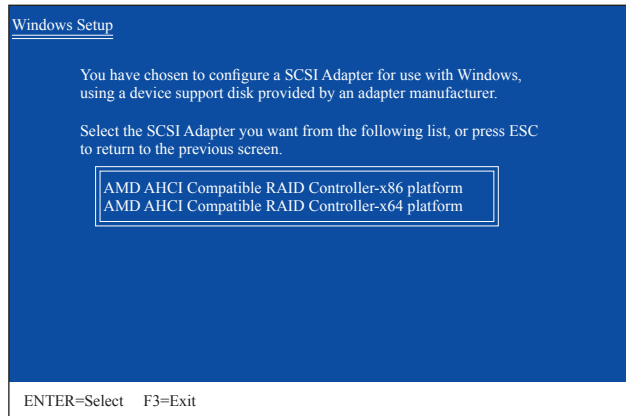


Figure 3

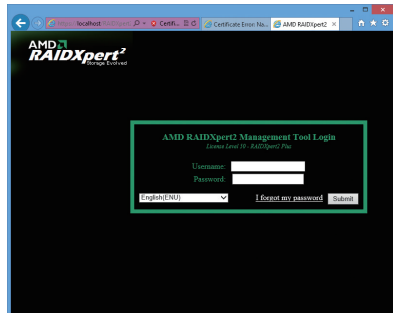
Step 3:

On the next screen, press <Enter> to continue the driver installation. After the driver installation, you can proceed with the Windows XP installation.

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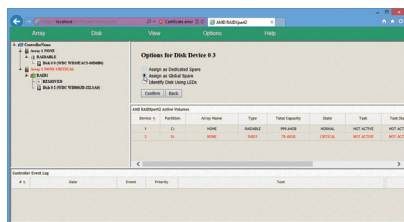
Rebuilding is the process of restoring data to a hard drive from other drives in the array. Rebuilding applies only to fault-tolerant arrays such as RAID 1, RAID 5, and RAID 10 arrays. To replace the old drive, make sure to use a new drive of equal or greater capacity. The procedures below assume a new drive is added to replace a failed drive to rebuild a RAID 1 array.

While in the operating system, make sure the Chipset and RAID drivers have been installed from the motherboard driver disk. After restarting your computer, switch to Windows desktop mode. Then double-click the **RAIDXpert2** icon on the desktop to launch the RAID utility.



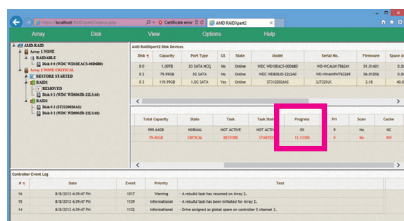
Step 1:

Enter the login ID and password (default: "admin"), and then click **Submit** to launch AMD RAIDxpert2.



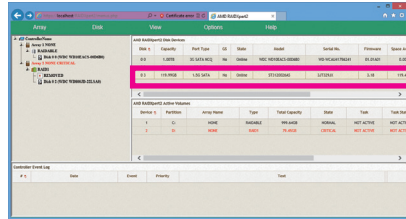
Step 3:

On the next screen, select **Assign as Global Spare** and click **Confirm**.



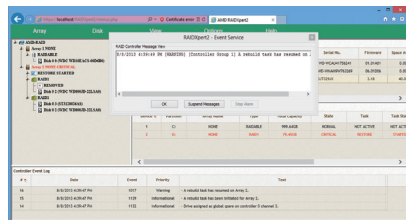
Step 5:

During the rebuild process, you can select the array that is being built (displayed in red) in the **Active Volumes** section to check the current progress.



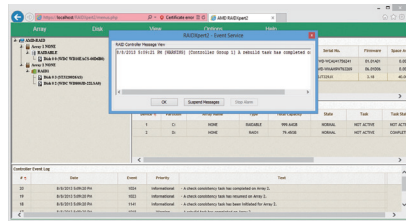
Step 2:

In the **Disk Devices** section, left-click your mouse twice on the newly-added hard drive.



Step 4:

When the message "A rebuild task has resumed on.." appears, click **OK** to continue.



Step 6:

When notified that the rebuild is done, click **OK** to complete.

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Chapter 4 Drivers Installation



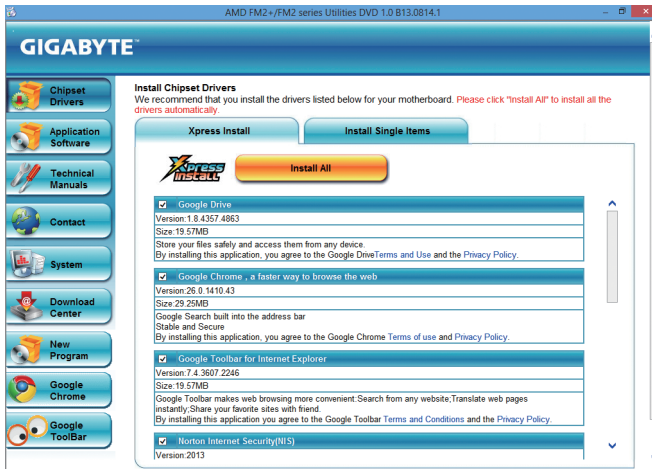
- Before installing the drivers, first install the operating system. (The following instructions use Windows 8 as the example operating system.)
- After installing the operating system, insert the motherboard driver disk into your optical drive. Click on the message "Tap to choose what happens with this disc" on the top-right corner of the screen and select "Run Run.exe." (Or go to My Computer, double-click the optical drive and execute the Run.exe program.)

4-1 Installing Chipset Drivers



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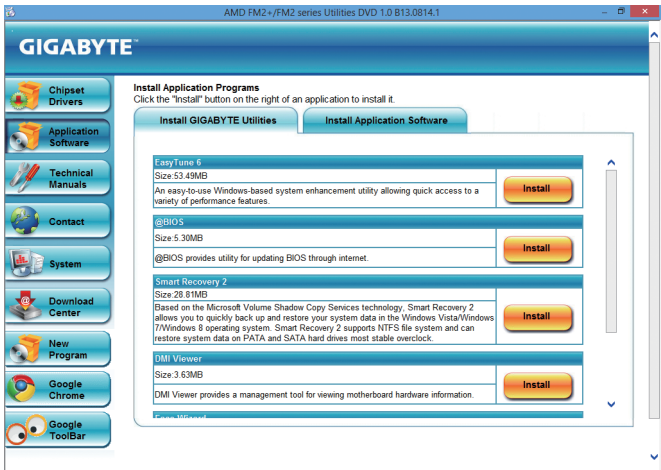
After inserting the driver disk, "Xpress Install" will automatically scan your system and then list all the drivers that are recommended to install. You can click the **Install All** button and "Xpress Install" will install all the recommended drivers. Or click **Install Single Items** to manually select the drivers you wish to install.



- Please ignore the popup dialog box(es) (e.g. the **Found New Hardware Wizard**) displayed when "Xpress Install" is installing the drivers. Failure to do so may affect the driver installation.
- Some device drivers will restart your system automatically during the driver installation. After the system restart, "Xpress Install" will continue to install other drivers.
- After "Xpress Install" installs all of the drivers, a dialog box will appear asking whether to install new GIGABYTE utilities. Click **Yes** to automatically install the utilities. Or click **No** if you want to manually select the utilities to install on the **Application Software** page later.
- For USB 2.0 driver support under the Windows XP operating system, please install the Windows XP Service Pack 1 or later. After installing the SP1 (or later), if a question mark still exists in **Universal Serial Bus Controller in Device Manager**, please remove the question mark (by right-clicking your mouse and select **Uninstall**) and restart the system. (The system will then autodetect and install the USB 2.0 driver.)

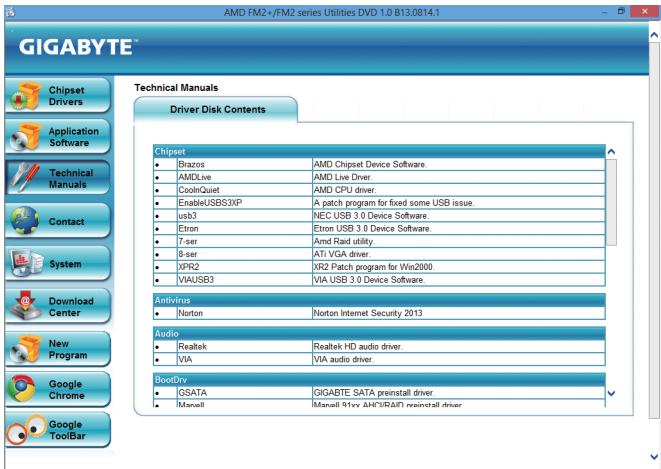
4-2 Application Software

This page displays all the utilities and applications that GIGABYTE develops and some free software. You can click the **Install** button on the right of an item to install it.



4-3 Technical Manuals

This page provides the content descriptions for this driver disk.



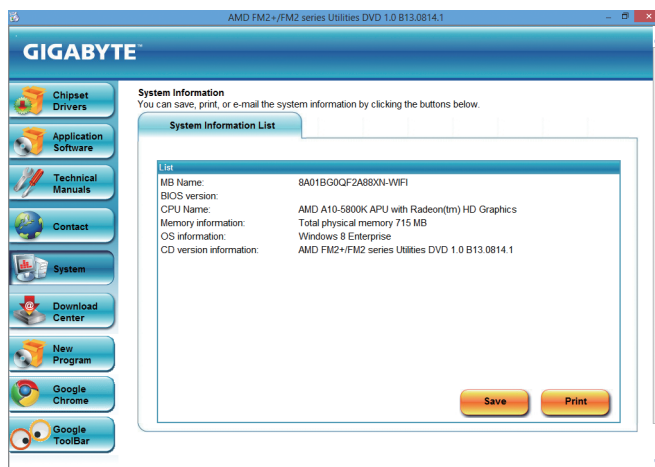
4-4 Contact

For the detailed contact information of the GIGABYTE Taiwan headquarter or worldwide branch offices, click the URL on this page to link to the GIGABYTE website.



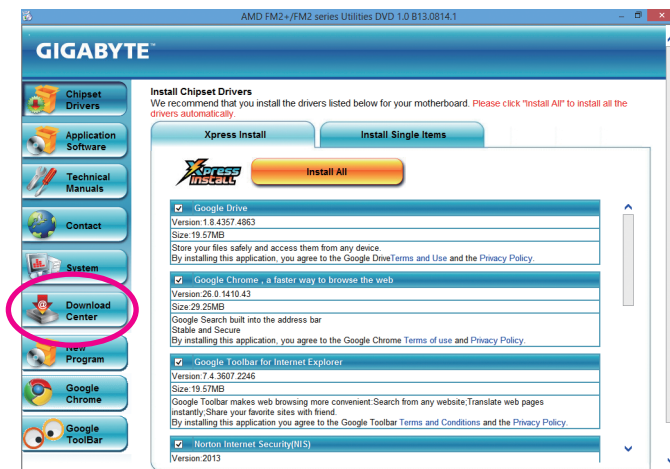
4-5 System

This page provides the basic system information.



4-6 Download Center

To update the BIOS, drivers, or applications, click the **Download Center** button to link to the GIGABYTE website. The latest version of the BIOS, drivers, or applications will be displayed.



Chapter 5 Unique Features

5-1 BIOS Update Utilities

GIGABYTE motherboards provide two unique BIOS update tools, Q-Flash™ and @BIOS™. GIGABYTE Q-Flash and @BIOS are easy-to-use and allow you to update the BIOS without the need to enter MS-DOS mode. Additionally, this motherboard features the DualBIOS™ design, which enhances protection for the safety and stability of your computer by adding one more physical BIOS chip.

What is DualBIOS™?

Motherboards that support DualBIOS have two BIOS onboard, a main BIOS and a backup BIOS. Normally, the system works on the main BIOS. However, if the main BIOS is corrupted or damaged, the backup BIOS will take over on the next system boot and copy the BIOS file to the main BIOS to ensure normal system operation. For the sake of system safety, users cannot update the backup BIOS manually.

What is Q-Flash™?

With Q-Flash you can update the system BIOS without having to enter operating systems like MS-DOS or Windows first. Embedded in the BIOS, the Q-Flash tool frees you from the hassles of going through complicated BIOS flashing process.

What is @BIOS™?

@BIOS allows you to update the system BIOS while in the Windows environment. @BIOS will download the latest BIOS file from the nearest @BIOS server site and update the BIOS.

5-1-1 Updating the BIOS with the Q-Flash Utility

A. Before You Begin

1. From GIGABYTE's website, download the latest compressed BIOS update file that matches your motherboard model.
2. Extract the file and save the new BIOS file (e.g. 88XNWIFI.f1) to your USB flash drive, or hard drive. Note: The USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.
3. Restart the system. During the POST, press the <End> key to enter Q-Flash. Note: You can access Q-Flash by either pressing the <End> key during the POST or pressing the <F8> key in BIOS Setup. However, if the BIOS update file is saved to a hard drive in RAID/AHCI mode or a hard drive attached to an independent SATA controller, use the <End> key during the POST to access Q-Flash.



Because BIOS flashing is potentially risky, please do it with caution. Inadequate BIOS flashing may result in system malfunction.

B. Updating the BIOS

In the main menu of Q-Flash, use the keyboard or mouse to select an item to execute. When updating the BIOS, choose the location where the BIOS file is saved. The following procedure assumes that you save the BIOS file to a USB flash drive.

Step 1:

1. Insert the USB flash drive containing the BIOS file into the computer. In the main menu of Q-Flash, select **Update BIOS From Drive**.



- The **Save BIOS to Drive** option allows you to save the current BIOS file.
- Q-Flash only supports USB flash drive or hard drives using FAT32/16/12 file system.
- If the BIOS update file is saved to a hard drive in RAID/AHCI mode or a hard drive attached to an independent SATA controller, use the <End> key during the POST to access Q-Flash.

2. Select **USB Flash Drive**.



3. Select the BIOS update file.



Make sure the BIOS update file matches your motherboard model.

Step 2:

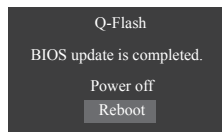
The process of the system reading the BIOS file from the USB flash drive is displayed on the screen. When the message "Are you sure to update BIOS?" appears, select **Yes** to begin the BIOS update. The monitor will display the update process.



- **Do not turn off or restart the system when the system is reading/updating the BIOS.**
- **Do not remove the USB flash drive or hard drive when the system is updating the BIOS.**

Step 3:

When the update process is complete, select **Reboot** to reboot the system.



Step 4:

During the POST, press <Delete> to enter BIOS Setup. Select **Load Optimized Defaults** on the **Save & Exit** screen and press <Enter> to load BIOS defaults. System will re-detect all peripheral devices after a BIOS update, so we recommend that you reload BIOS defaults.



Select **Yes** to load BIOS defaults

Step 5:

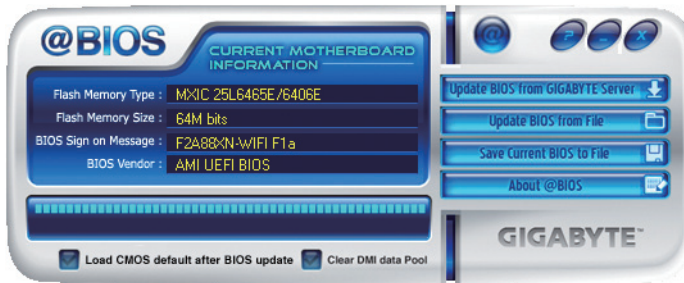
Select **Save & Exit Setup** and press <Enter>. And then select **Yes** to save settings to CMOS and exit BIOS Setup. The procedure is complete after the system restarts.

5-1-2 Updating the BIOS with the @BIOS Utility

A. Before You Begin

1. In Windows, close all applications and TSR (Terminate and Stay Resident) programs. This helps prevent unexpected failures when performing a BIOS update.
2. During the BIOS update process, ensure the Internet connection is stable and do NOT interrupt the Internet connection (for example, avoid a power loss or switching off the Internet). Failure to do so may result in a corrupted BIOS or a system that is unable to start.
3. Do not use the G.O.M. (GIGABYTE Online Management) function when using @BIOS.
4. GIGABYTE product warranty does not cover any BIOS damage or system failure resulting from an inadequate BIOS flashing.

B. Using @BIOS



1.  **Update the BIOS Using the Internet Update Function:**

Click **Update BIOS from GIGABYTE Server**, select the @BIOS server site closest to your location and then download the BIOS file that matches your motherboard model. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete.



If the BIOS update file for your motherboard is not present on the @BIOS server site, please manually download the BIOS update file from GIGABYTE's website and follow the instructions in "Update the BIOS without Using the Internet Update Function" below.

2.  **Update the BIOS without Using the Internet Update Function:**

Click **Update BIOS from File**, then select the location where you save the BIOS update file obtained from the Internet or through other source. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete.

3.  **Save the Current BIOS File:**

Click **Save Current BIOS to File** to save the current BIOS file.

4.  **Load BIOS Defaults after BIOS Update:**

Select the **Load CMOS default after BIOS update** check box and then the system will automatically load BIOS defaults after BIOS update and after the system restarts.

C. After Updating the BIOS

Restart your system after updating the BIOS.

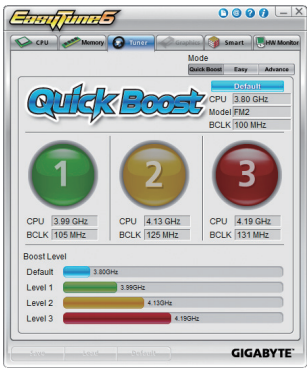


Make sure that the BIOS file to be flashed matches your motherboard model. Updating the BIOS with an incorrect BIOS file could cause your system not to boot.







5-2 EasyTune 6

GIGABYTE's EasyTune 6 is a simple and easy-to-use interface that allows users to fine-tune their system settings or do overclock/overvoltage in Windows environment. The user-friendly EasyTune 6 interface also includes tabbed pages for CPU and memory information, letting users read their system-related information without the need to install additional software.

The EasyTune 6 Interface



Tabs Information

Tab	Description
	The CPU tab provides information on the installed CPU and motherboard.
	The Memory tab provides information on the installed memory module(s). You can select memory module on a specific slot to see its information.
	<p>The Tuner tab allows you to change memory settings and voltages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quick Boost mode provides you with 3 levels of CPU frequency/base clock to choose to achieve desired system performance. After making changes in Quick Boost mode or clicking Default to restore to default values, be sure to restart your system for these changes to take effect.• Easy mode provides information on CPU/memory.• Advanced mode allows you to individually change system clock settings and voltages settings using the sliders.• Save allows you to save the current settings to a new profile (.txt file).• Load allows you to load previous settings from a profile. <p>After making changes in Easy mode/Advanced mode, be sure to click Set for these changes to take effect or click Default to restore to default values.</p>
	The Graphics tab allows you to change the core clock and memory clock for your AMD or NVIDIA graphics card.
	The Smart tab allows you to specify a Smart Fan mode. Smart Fan Advanced mode allows the fan speed to be changed linearly based on the temperature thresholds you set.
	The HW Monitor tab allows you to monitor hardware temperature, voltage and fan speed and set temperature/fan speed alarm. You can choose the alert sound from the buzzer or use your own sound file (.wav file).



Available functions in EasyTune 6 may differ by motherboard model. Grayed-out area(s) indicates that the item is not configurable or the function is not supported.



Incorrectly doing overclock/overvoltage may result in damage to the hardware components such as CPU, chipset, and memory and reduce the useful life of these components. Before you do the overclock/overvoltage, make sure that you fully know each function of EasyTune 6, or system instability or other unexpected results may occur.

5-3 Smart Recovery 2

Smart Recovery 2 allows you to back up a partition as an image file every hour. You can use these images to restore your system or files when needed.

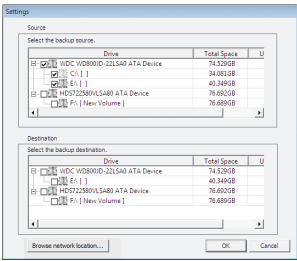


The Smart Recovery 2 main menu:

Button	Description
Settings	Allows you to select the source and destination partition
Backup Now	Allows you to perform the backup immediately
File Recovery...	Allows you to recover your files from the backup image
System Recovery...	Allows you to recover your system from the backup image



- Supported operating systems: Windows 8 and 7.
- Smart Recovery 2 only supports NTFS file system.
- You need to select the destination partition in **Settings** the first time you use Smart Recovery 2.
- The **Backup Now** button will be available only after you log in Windows for ten minutes.

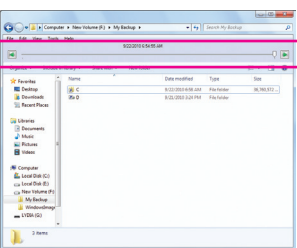


Creating a backup:

Click the **Settings** button on the main menu. In the **Settings** dialog box, select the source partition and destination partition and click **OK**. The initial backup will start after 10 minutes and regular backup will be performed hourly. Note: By default, all partitions on the system drive are selected as the backup source. The backup destination cannot be on the same partition as the backup source.

Saving the backup to a network location:

If you want to save the backup to a network location, select **Browse network location**. Make sure your computer and the computer where you want to save the backup are in the same domain. Choose the network location where you want to store the backup and enter the user name and password. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete.



Recovering a file:

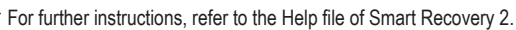
Click the **File Recovery** button on the main menu. Use the time slider on the top of the popped out window to select a previous backup time. The right pane will display the backed-up partitions in the backup destination (in the **My Backup** folder). Browse to the file you want and copy it.



1. Click the **File Recovery** button on the main menu.

3. Use the time slider to select a time point.


5. Confirm whether to restart your system to proceed with the restore immediately or later. Once you respond "Yes" the system will restart to the Windows recovery environment. Follow the onscreen instructions to restore your system.




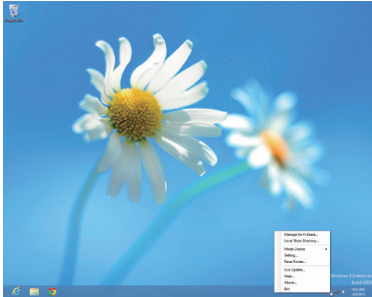
5-4 Using the Wi-Fi/Bluetooth Utilities

5-4-1 Using the Wi-Fi Share Utility

Install the drivers and utilities from the included wireless module driver disk. The Wi-Fi Share utility allows you to configure how your Wi-Fi/Bluetooth card will act. First it can turn your computer into a virtual wireless access point (Hotspot), which allows WiFi-capable computers or mobile devices to access the Internet through the virtual wireless access point. Second, it can be configured to let your computer share data to another computer by simply dragging the data from your computer to the target computer (File Transfer). Third, it surely can be used as a normal wireless LAN card (WiFi).

 The Wi-Fi Share utility is supported in Windows 8/7 only.

To use Wi-Fi Share for the first time, click the Wi-Fi Share Manager icon on the **Start** screen (Windows 8) or launch it from Start/All Applications (Windows 7). Then right-click the Wi-Fi Share icon  in the notification area to display configuration options.



Option Descriptions

Option	Description
Manage Wi-Fi Share	Opens the Wi-Fi Share Manager
Local Share Directory	Goes to the directory where shared files are located (File Transfer)
Mode Choice	Selects which mode to operate
Setting	Configures further settings depending on the mode selected
Reset Router	Reset the Wi-Fi Share utility
Live Update	Updates Wi-Fi Share online
Help	Displays the help file
About	Displays the Wi-Fi Share version
Exit	Exits Wi-Fi Share

Mode Selection


Wi-Fi Share provides three modes for users to select as follows:

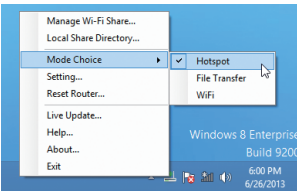
A. Hotspot

The Hotspot turns your computer into a virtual wireless access point (WAP). Refer to the steps below for detailed configurations.

Configuring your computer:

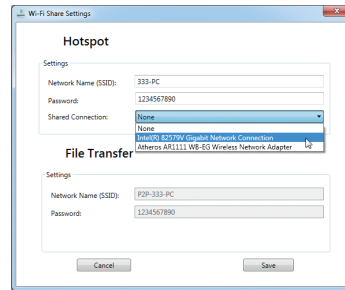
Step 1:

Right-click the **Wi-Fi Share** icon  in the notification area and select **Mode Choice > Hotspot** to turn your computer into a virtual wireless AP. Then select **Setting**.



Step 2:

When the **Wi-Fi Share Settings** dialog box appears, select a currently running network connection you want to share from the **Shared Connection** list. Then click **Save**. The **Password** represents the network security key which is required when other computer wants to access the Internet through the virtual wireless AP. You can keep the default password or create your own one.



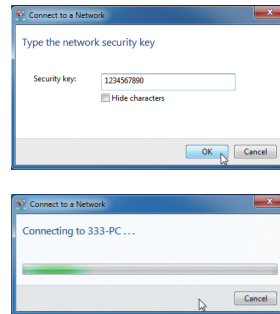
Configuring the computer that wants to access the Internet through the virtual wireless AP:

Step 1:

Left-click the **Internet Access** icon in the notification area. When the **Currently connected to** list appears, select the virtual wireless AP you want to connect to and click **Connect**.

Step 2:

When the **Connect to a Network** dialog box appears, enter the security key of the network connection the virtual wireless AP is sharing and click **OK**.



Step 3:

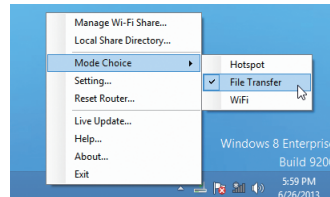
After the connection, the **Currently connected to** list shows that this computer is currently using the network connection shared by the virtual wireless AP.

B. File Transfer

The **File Transfer** allows two computers with File Transfer enabled to share files to each other. Note: Be sure to turn off the firewall on both computers before using File Transfer.

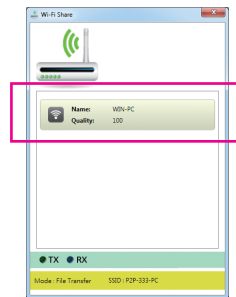
Step 1:

Make sure the two computers are installed with the Wi-Fi Share utility and have File Transfer enabled. On the desktop of the source computer, right-click the Wi-Fi Share icon in the notification area and select **Mode Choice > File Transfer**. Then select **Manage Wi-Fi Share** to open the Wi-Fi Share Manager.



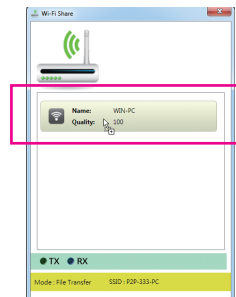
Step 2:

The Wi-Fi Share Manager will display the other computer with File Transfer enabled (the target computer).



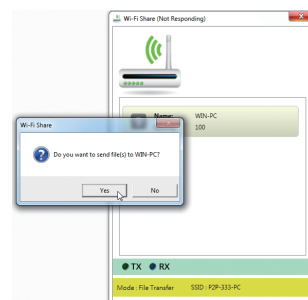
Step 3:

Go to the directory where the file/folder that you want to share is located. Drag the file/folder to the target computer displayed on the Wi-Fi Share Manager.



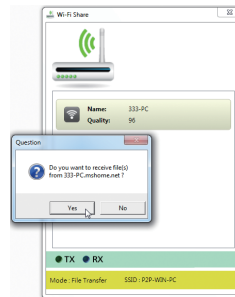
Step 4:

When asked whether to send the file/folder to the target computer, click **Yes**. The **TX** light will be on when the file/data is being sent.



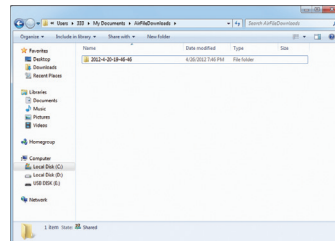
Step 5:

The confirmation message will also appear on the target computer, asking whether to accept the file/folder from the source computer. Click **Yes** to confirm. You must respond in 15 seconds. The **RX** light will be on when the file/data is being received.



Step 6:

The data will be automatically stored to a folder in the **My Documents\AirFileDownloads** directory in the target computer, which is named according to the receiving time. To directly access this directory later, you can also right-click the Wi-Fi Share icon in the notification area and select **Local Shared Directory**.



C. Wi-Fi

In this mode, the Wi-Fi/Bluetooth card is set as a normal wireless LAN card and needs to connect to a wireless access point to get Internet connection.

5-4-2 Using the Cloud Station Utility

The Cloud Station utility allows GIGABYTE's iOS APPs to communicate, share resources, and control your desktop PC systems. Two GIGABYTE's unique iOS APPs are available now: EasyTune Touch and PictureView, both of which can be downloaded from the Apple store for free.

System Requirements:

- Windows 8/7
- i-Tunes
- iPhone 5, iPhone 4, iPhone 3, and iPad series
(iPhone 3 and iPad series only support Wi-Fi connection)

EasyTune Touch:



EasyTune Touch is a simple and easy-to-use application that allows users to remotely control their system through Apple devices, including iPhone and iPad. Detailed functions are as follows:



Option Descriptions


Option	Description
Tuner	Allows you to change CPU/memory frequency and voltage settings.
System Information	Displays the system information, including the CPU, motherboard, and memory.
Hardware Monitor	Allows you to monitor hardware temperature, voltage, and fan speed.
Remote Control	Allows you to reboot or shut down your computer.
Quick Boost	Provides you with 3 levels of automatic system tuning.
Connection	Selects how iPhone/iPad will connect to your computer.

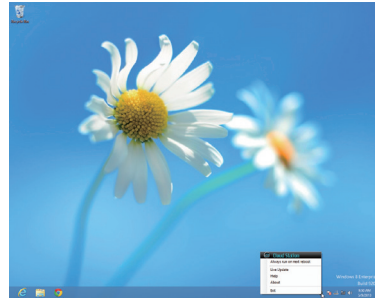
PictureView:



The PictureView application is designed to allow users to quickly and effortlessly share photographs from their iOS device directly to their computer. By simply selecting a photo from the iOS device's picture library, the user will then be instantly able to see it on their PC desktop.

Using the Cloud Station:

After the Cloud Station utility is installed, the Cloud Station icon  will appear in the notification area. You can right-click this icon and select **Always run on next reboot** to launch this utility each time you reboot the computer. To use EasyTune Touch and PictureView on your iPhone/iPad, you must launch the Cloud Station utility on your computer first.



Three ways of connection:

Before using EasyTune Touch and PictureView, use one of the three ways below to connect your Apple devices to the target computer: Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, and USB connections. iPhone 3 and iPad series only support Wi-Fi connection and iPhone 4/5 series supports all of the three connections. Below we use iPhone 4 as the demonstration Apple device. (Make sure i-Tunes is installed first.)

A. Wi-Fi Connection:

Make sure your iPhone and computer are using the same network connection.

Step 1:

Make sure your computer is connected to a network connection.

Step 2:

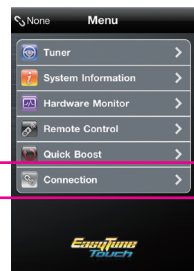
On your iPhone, go to **Settings>Wi-Fi** and turn on the Wi-Fi function. Then choose the same network connection that your computer is currently using.



Using EasyTune Touch

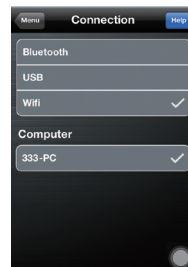
Step 1:

Go to the main menu of the EasyTune Touch application on your iPhone. Select **Connection**.



Step 2:

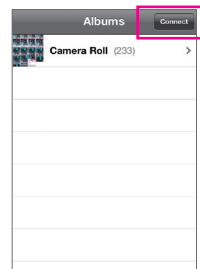
On the **Connection** page, select **Wifi**. iPhone will begin to search for the computer using the same network connection. When the computer is displayed, select it. Then return to the main menu of the EasyTune Touch application. Now you are able to use the EasyTune Touch functions to remotely control the target computer via the iPhone or check hardware information.



Using PictureView

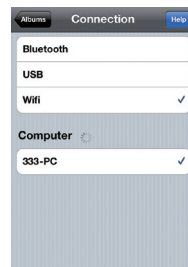
Step 1:

Go to the main screen of the PictureView application. In the photo gallery, select **Connect**.



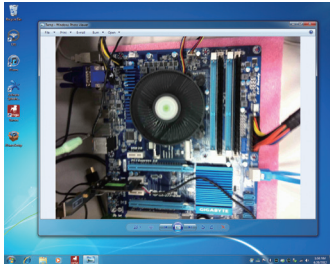
Step 2:

On the **Connection** page, select **Wifi**. iPhone will begin to search for the computer using the same network connection. When the computer is displayed, select it. Then return to photo gallery.



Step 3:

Click the photo you want to share and your photo will be shown instantly on the desktop of the target computer.



B. BlueTooth Connection:

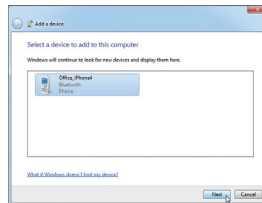
Step 1:

On your iPhone, go to **Settings > Personal Hotspot** and turn on this function. Then go to **Settings > General > Bluetooth** to turn Bluetooth on.



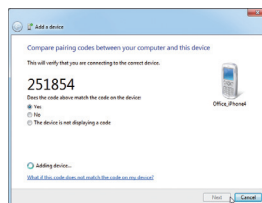
Step 2:

Now you have to pair the iPhone with your computer. In the operating system of your computer, go to **Control Panel > Devices and Printers**. Select **Add a device**. Your computer will look for Bluetooth devices and display them on the screen. When the iPhone is displayed, select it and click **Next**.



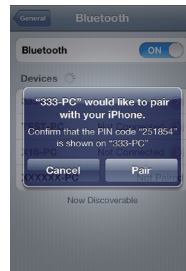
Step 3:

A pairing code will appear on the screen. You iPhone will display a message with the pairing code for you to confirm as well (refer to the next screenshot). Click **Next**.



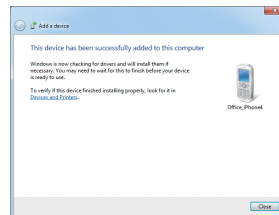
Step 4:

When the iPhone displays the pairing code, press **Pair** to confirm. After the pairing is successful, your iPhone will show that it has been connected to your computer.



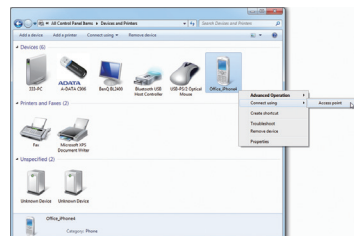
Step 5:

Your computer will show that the iPhone has been added to your computer successfully. Click **Close** to return to the **Control Panel > Devices and Printers** window.



Step 6:

Look for your iPhone device, right-click it, and select **Connect using > Access Point** to complete the configuration.



Now, you are ready to use EasyTune Touch or PictureView. Refer to the instructions on configuration Wi-Fi connection and select **Bluetooth** connection.

C. USB Connection:

Step 1:

On your iPhone, go to **Settings > Personal Hotspot** and turn on this function.

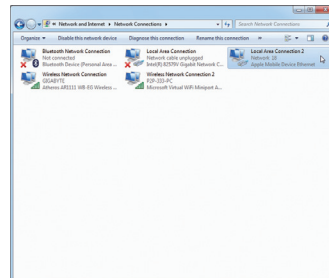


Step 2:

Connect your iPhone to your computer using the iPhone USB cable.

Step 3:

After the iPhone is connected to your computer, go to **Control Panel > Network and Sharing Center > Change adapter settings**. Make sure **Apple Mobile Device Ethernet** is present. If not, re-check the connection.



Now, you are ready to use EasyTune Touch or PictureView. Refer to the instructions on configuration Wi-Fi connection and select **USB** connection.

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Chapter 6 Appendix

6-1 Configuring Audio Input and Output

6-1-1 Configuring 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio

The motherboard provides six audio jacks on the back panel which support 2/4/5.1/7.1-channel ^(Note) audio. The picture to the right shows the default audio jack assignments.

The integrated HD (High Definition) audio provides jack retasking capability that allows the user to change the function for each jack through the audio driver.

(Supported functions for each jack may vary based on hardware specification.)



- To install a microphone, connect your microphone to the Mic in jack and manually configure the jack for microphone functionality.
- If you install a Side Speaker, you need to retask other audio jack to be Side Speaker out.
- Audio signals will be present on both of the front and back panel audio connections simultaneously. If you want to mute the back panel audio (only supported when using an HD front panel audio module), refer to instructions on the next page.


High Definition Audio (HD Audio)

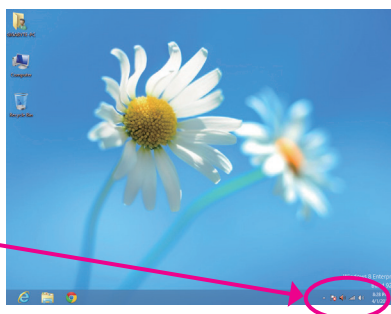
HD Audio includes multiple high quality digital-to-analog converters (DACs) and features multistreaming capabilities that allow multiple audio streams (in and out) to be simultaneously processed. For example, users can listen to MP3 music, have an Internet chat, make a telephone call over the Internet, and etc. all at the same time.

A. Configuring Speakers

(The following instructions use Windows 8 as the example operating system.)

Step 1:

After installing the audio driver, restart your computer. Then switch to Windows desktop mode. The **HD Audio Manager** icon  will appear in the notification area. Double-click the icon to access the **HD Audio Manager**.



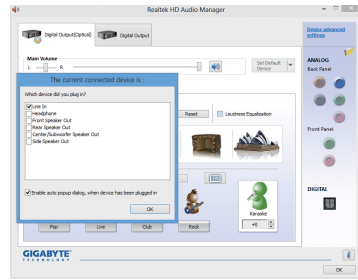
(Note) 2/4/5.1/7.1-Channel Audio Configurations:

Refer to the following for multi-channel speaker configurations.

- 2-channel audio: Headphone or Line out.
- 4-channel audio: Front speaker out and Rear speaker out.
- 5.1-channel audio: Front speaker out, Rear speaker out, and Center/Subwoofer speaker out.
- 7.1-channel audio: Front speaker out, Rear speaker out, Center/Subwoofer speaker out, and Side speaker out.

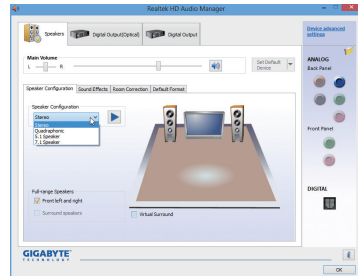
Step 2:

Connect an audio device to an audio jack. The **The current connected device is** dialog box appears. Select the device according to the type of device you connect. Then click **OK**.



Step 3:

On the **Speakers** screen, click the **Speaker Configuration** tab. In the **Speaker Configuration** list, select **Stereo**, **Quadraphonic**, **5.1 Speaker**, or **7.1 Speaker** according to the type of speaker configuration you wish to set up. Then the speaker setup is completed.

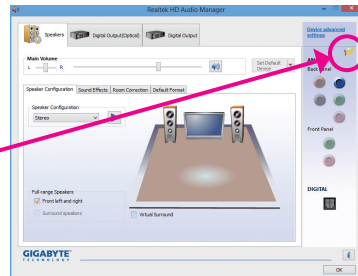
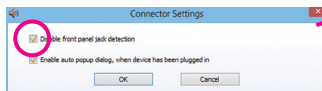


B. Configuring Sound Effect

You may configure an audio environment on the **Sound Effects** tab.

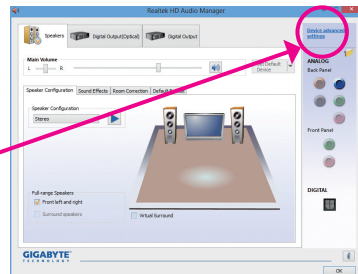
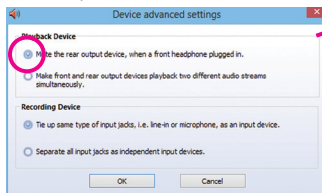
C. Activating an AC'97 Front Panel Audio Module

If your chassis provides an AC'97 front panel audio module, to activate the AC'97 functionality, click the tool icon on the **Speaker Configuration** tab. On the **Connector Settings** dialog box, select the **Disable front panel jack detection** check box. Click **OK** to complete.



D. Muting the Back Panel Audio (For HD Audio Only)

Click **Device advanced settings** on the top right corner on the **Speaker Configuration** tab to open the **Device advanced settings** dialog box. Select the **Mute the rear output device, when a front headphone plugged in** check box. Click **OK** to complete.

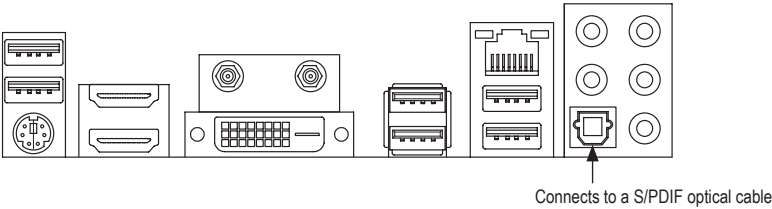


6-1-2 Configuring S/PDIF Out

The S/PDIF Out jack can transmit audio signals to an external decoder for decoding to get the best audio quality.

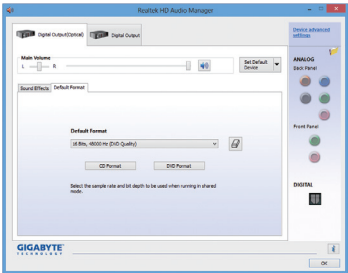
1. Connecting a S/PDIF Out Cable:

Connect a S/PDIF optical cable to the corresponding S/PDIF out connector as shown below and an external decoder for transmitting the S/PDIF digital audio signals.



2. Configuring S/PDIF Out:

On the **Digital Output(Optical)** screen (Note), click the **Default Format** tab and then select the sample rate and bit depth. Click **OK** to complete.

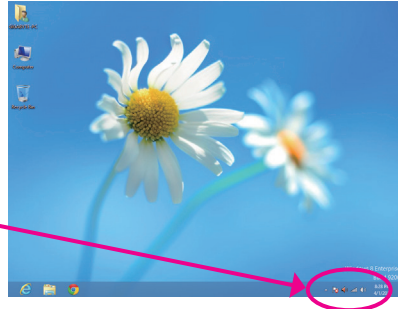
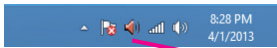


(Note) Enter the **Digital Output(Optical)** screen to configure further settings if you use the S/PDIF Out connector(s) on the back panel for digital audio output or enter the **Digital Output** screen if you use the internal S/PDIF Out connector (SPDIF_O) for digital audio output.

6-1-3 Configuring Microphone Recording

Step 1:

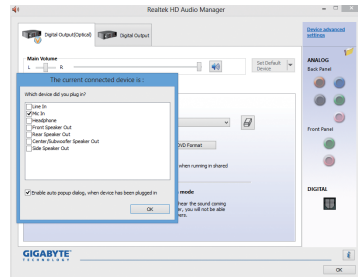
After installing the audio driver, the **HD Audio Manager** icon will appear in the notification area. Double-click the icon to access the **HD Audio Manager**.



Step 2:

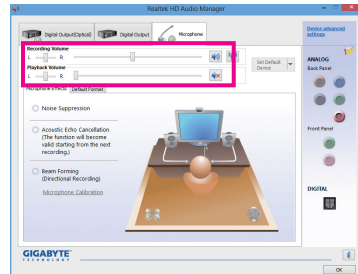
Connect your microphone to the Mic in jack (pink) on the back panel or the Mic in jack (pink) on the front panel.

Note: The microphone functions on the front panel and back panel cannot be used at the same time.



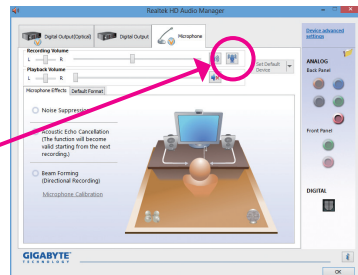
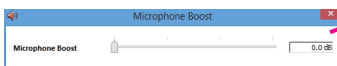
Step 3:

Go to the **Microphone** screen. Do not mute the recording volume, or you'll not be able to record the sound. To hear the sound being recorded during the recording process, do not mute the playback volume. It is recommended that you set the volumes at a middle level.



Step 4:

To raise the recording and playback volume for the microphone, click the **Microphone Boost** icon on the right of the **Recording Volume** slider and set the Microphone Boost level.



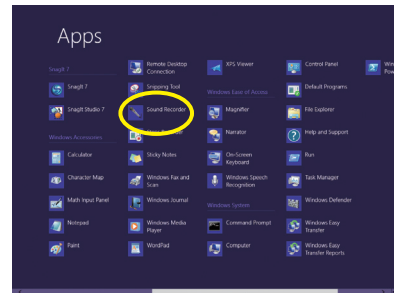
Step 5:

To open the **Sounder Recorder**, move the mouse cursor to the bottom left corner of the screen, click the Start icon to switch to the **Start** screen (or press the Windows button on the keyboard). Right-click on the screen and click the **All apps** icon on the bottom right corner of the screen to access the **Apps** screen.



Step 6:


On this screen, click **Sound Recorder** for audio recording.

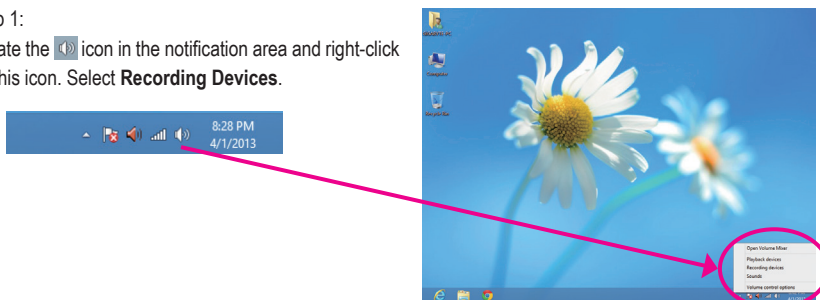


* Enabling Stereo Mix

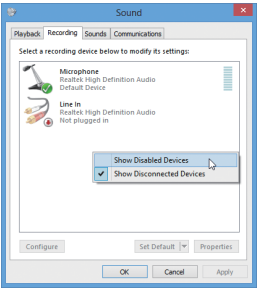
If the HD Audio Manager does not display the recording device you wish to use, refer to the steps below. The following steps explain how to enable Stereo Mix (which may be needed when you want to record sound from your computer).

Step 1:

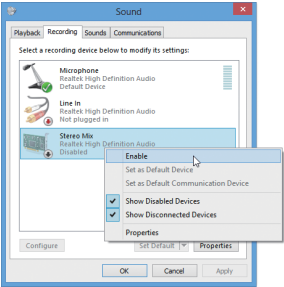
Locate the  icon in the notification area and right-click on this icon. Select **Recording Devices**.



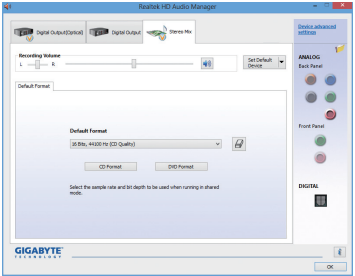
Step 2:
On the **Recording** tab, right-click on an empty space and select **Show Disabled Devices**.



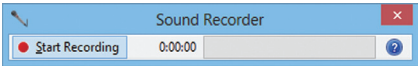
Step 3:
When the **Stereo Mix** item appears, right-click on this item and select **Enable**. Then set it as the default device.





Step 4:
Now you can access the **HD Audio Manager** to configure **Stereo Mix** and use **Sound Recorder** to record the sound.



6-1-4 Using the Sound Recorder



A. Recording Sound

1. Make sure you have connected the sound input device (e.g. microphone) to the computer.
2. To record the audio, click the **Start Recording** button .
3. To stop recording audio, click the **Stop Recording** button .

Be sure to save the recorded audio file upon completion.

B. Playing the Recorded Sound

You can play your recording in a digital media player program that supports your audio file format.

6-2 Troubleshooting

6-2-1 Frequently Asked Questions

To read more FAQs for your motherboard, please go to the **Support & Downloads\FAQ** page on GIGABYTE's website.

Q: Why is the light of my keyboard/optical mouse still on after the computer shuts down?

A: Some motherboards provide a small amount of standby power after the computer shuts down and that's why the light is still on.

Q: How do I clear the CMOS values?

A: For motherboards that have a Clear CMOS button, press this button to clear the CMOS values (before doing this, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord). For motherboards that have a Clear CMOS jumper, refer to the instructions in Chapter 1 to short the jumper to clear the CMOS values. If your board doesn't have this jumper/button, refer to the instructions on the motherboard battery in Chapter 1. You can temporarily remove the battery from the battery holder to stop supplying power to the CMOS, which will clear the CMOS values after about one minute.

Q: Why do I still get a weak sound even though I have turned my speaker to the maximum volume?

A: Make sure your speaker is equipped with an internal amplifier. If not, try a speaker with power/amplifier.

Q: Why cannot I install the onboard HD audio driver successfully? (For Windows XP only)

A: Step 1: First, make sure Service Pack 1 or Service Pack 2 has been installed (check in My Computer > Properties > General > System). If not, please update it from Microsoft's website. Then make sure the Microsoft UAA Bus Driver for High Definition Audio has been installed successfully (check in My Computer > Properties > Hardware > Device Manager > System Devices).

Step 2: Check if **Audio Device on High Definition Audio Bus** or **Unknown device** is present in **Device Manager** or **Sound, video, and game controllers**. If yes, please disable this device. (If not, skip this step.)

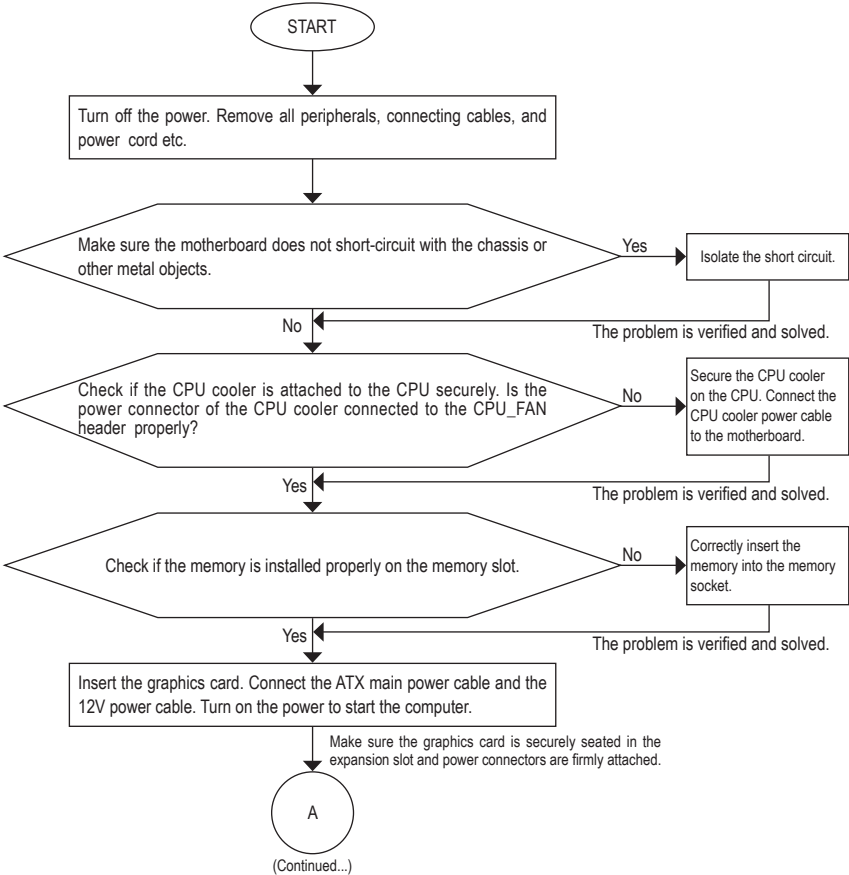
Step 3: Then go back to **My Computer > Properties > Hardware > Device Manager > System devices** and right-click on **Microsoft UAA Bus Driver for High Definition Audio** and select **Disable** and **Uninstall**.

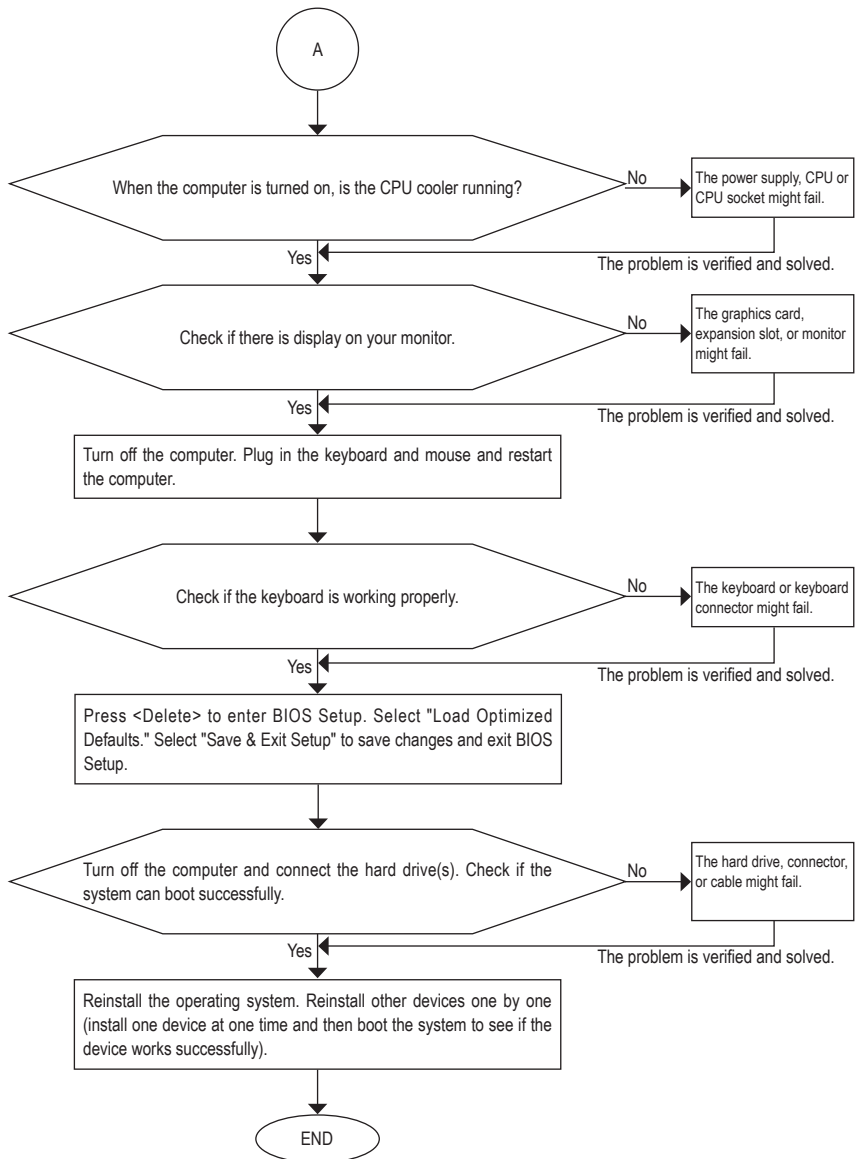
Step 4: In **Device Manager**, right-click on the computer name and select **Scan for hardware changes**. When the **Add New Hardware Wizard** appears, click **Cancel**. Then install the onboard HD audio driver from the motherboard driver disk or download the audio driver from GIGABYTE's website to install.

For more details, go to the **Support & Downloads\FAQ** page on our website and search for "onboard HD audio driver."

6-2-2 Troubleshooting Procedure

If you encounter any troubles during system startup, follow the troubleshooting procedure below to solve the problem.





If the procedure above is unable to solve your problem, contact the place of purchase or local dealer for help. Or go to the **Support & Downloads\Technical Support** page to submit your question. Our customer service staff will reply you as soon as possible.

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult a dealer or experienced TV/radio technician for help.

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第十四條: 低功率射頻電機之使用不得影響飛航安全及干擾合法通信；經發現有干擾現象時，應立即停用，並改善至無干擾時方得繼續使用。

前項合法通信，指依電信法規定作業之無線電通信。

低功率射頻電機須忍受合法通信或工業、科學及醫療用電波輻射性電機設備之干擾。

低功率射頻電機技術規範

4.7: 在5.25-5.35GHz頻帶內操作之無線資訊傳輸設備，限於室內使用。

Korea KCC NCC Wireless Statement:

5.25GHz - 5.35 GHz 대역을 사용하는 무선 장치는 실내에서만 사용하도록 제한됩니다.

Japan Wireless Statement:

5.2GHz帯～5.3GHz帯: 屋内のみの使用。

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